# The Income & Growth VCT plc **A Venture Capital Trust**

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2022



The Income & Growth VCT plc ("the Company") is a Venture Capital Trust ("VCT") listed on the London Stock Exchange. Its investment portfolio is advised by Gresham House Asset Management Limited ("Gresham House", "Investment Adviser").

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# **Financial Highlights**

For the financial year ended 30 September 2022

- There was a negative Net asset value ("NAV") total return (including  $\succ$ dividends)<sup>1</sup> per share of (8.7)%.
- > Share price total return<sup>1</sup> per share was (3.8)%<sup>2</sup> (as per London Stock Exchange mid-price on balance sheet date of 30 September 2022).
- Dividends paid/payable in respect of the year total 8.00 pence per share. This brings cumulative dividends paid<sup>1</sup> to Shareholders in respect of the past five years to 43.00 pence per share.
- > The Company realised investments totalling £11.56 million of cash proceeds and generated net realised gains in the year of £2.32 million.
- > Net unrealised losses of  $\pounds(13.16)$  million in the year.
- £7.33 million was invested into four new companies and eight follow-on investments.
- <sup>1</sup> Definitions of key terms and alternative performance measures shown above and throughout this report are provided in the Glossary of terms on page 83.
- <sup>2</sup> Further details on the share price total return are shown in the Performance section of the Strategic Report on page 7.

# **Performance Summary**

The table below shows the recent past performance of the Company's existing class of shares for each of the last five years.

Reporting date	Net assets	NAV per share	Share price <sup>1</sup>	Cumulative dividends paid per	Cumulative total return per share to Shareholders <sup>2</sup>		Dividends paid and proposed
As at 30 September				share	(NAV basis)	(Share price basis)	per share in respect of each year
So September	(£m)	(p)	<b>(</b> p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
2022	108.42	83.73	81.50	144.50	228.23	226.00	8.00 <sup>3</sup>
2021	119.09	100.45	93.00	136.50	236.95	229.50	9.00
2020	83.13	70.06	59.50	131.50	201.56	191.00	14.00
2019	81.73	79.12	75.50	113.00	192.12	188.50	6.00
2018	82.58	78.32	69.50	108.00	186.32	177.50	6.00

<sup>1</sup> Source: Panmure Gordon & Co (mid-market price).

<sup>2</sup> Cumulative total return per share comprises the NAV per share (NAV basis) or the mid-market price per share (share price basis) plus cumulative dividends paid since launch of the current share class. The details of the share price total return per share calculation are shown in the Strategic Report on page 7.

<sup>3</sup> Dividends paid and proposed per share in respect of 2022 include the second interim dividend referred to below.

### Dividends payable after the 30 September 2022 year-end

A second interim dividend of 4.00 pence per share was paid on 7 November 2022, to Shareholders on the Register on 23 September 2022.

Detailed performance data for each of the Mobeus VCT's fundraisings is provided in the Performance Data Appendix on pages 80 to 82. The tables, which give cumulative total return per share information for each allotment date on both a NAV and share price basis, are also available on the Company's website at www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk where they can be downloaded by clicking on "table" under "Reviewing the performance of your investment".

As at 30 September 2022: Net assets: £108.42 million Net asset value per share: 83.73 pence

### **Overview**

This Company's financial year has been notable for the significant geopolitical economic and political disruption both domestically and internationally. The end of the 2021 calendar year; was a high watermark in many technology and growth markets, and since then we have experienced a number of significant global events such as the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine, the return of inflation to 40-year highs and political turmoil in the UK and across Europe. All of this has led to increased volatility

Despite the events set out above and the widely reported cost of living increases, the fundraise, launched for applications on 17 October 2022 secured the full £22 million sought (including £8 million over-allotment). This was a strong demonstration of confidence in the Company by investors.

across global markets and a material

downward re-rating of growth stocks.

One positive and as yet, we believe, still planned outcome from the so-called 'mini-budget' of the previous Chancellor of the Exchequer in September, was the commitment from the UK Government to extend the VCT 'sunset clause' beyond the end date of 5 April 2025, however it should be noted that no further detail has been provided at this stage and is also likely to require parliamentary approval. This clause was due to expire in 2025 and would have meant that investor income tax relief would have no longer been available on new VCT subscriptions.

### Performance

The Company's NAV total fell by (8.7)% for the year ended 30 September 2022 (versus a gain of + 50.5% in 2020/21).

The negative NAV total return for the year was principally comprised of unrealised falls in the value of investments still held. tempered somewhat by the successful exits from Media Business Insight ("MBI") and Vian Marketing Limited (trading as Red Paddle).

The reduction in the valuation of the portfolio has been driven primarily by lower benchmark market comparables and to a lesser extent by falls in trading performance of investee companies. This is because markets are already factoring in the impact of inflation and higher interest rates on consumer spending and business investment. These factors are likely to impact portfolio company trading over time.

At the year-end, the Company was ranked 2nd out of 39 Generalist VCTs over five years and 9th out of 31 over ten

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years, in the Association of Investment Companies' analysis of NAV Cumulative Total Return. Shareholders should note that, due to the lag in the disclosed performance figures available each quarter, the AIC ranking figures do not fully reflect the final NAV movement to 30 September 2022, or those of our peers.

### Dividends

The Board intends to continue to target the Investment Adviser with providing an attractive dividend stream to Shareholders and was pleased to declare two interim dividends of 4.00 pence per share each totalling 8.00 pence in respect of the year ended 30 September 2022 exceeding the Company's annual target of 6.00 pence per share.

The first interim dividend was paid on 8 July 2022, to Shareholders on the Register on 6 June 2022 and the second interim dividend was paid on 7 November 2022 to those Shareholders on the Register on 23 September 2022. These dividend payments brought cumulative dividends paid per share since inception in 2004 to 148.5 pence

The Company's ongoing target of paying a dividend of at least 6.00 pence per share in respect of each financial year has been achieved and often exceeded in each of the last eleven financial years.

It should be noted that the continued movement of the portfolio to a larger share of younger growth capital investments could lead to increased volatility, which may affect the return in any given year. Shareholders should also note that there may continue to be circumstances where the Company is required to pay dividends in order to maintain its regulatory status as a VCT, for example, to stay above the minimum percentage of assets required to be held in qualifying investments. Such dividends may cause the Company's NAV per share to reduce by a corresponding amount.

### **Dividend Investment Scheme**

The Company's Dividend Investment Scheme ("DIS") provides Shareholders with the opportunity to reinvest their cash dividends into new shares in the Company at the latest published NAV per share. New VCT shares attract the same tax reliefs as shares purchased through an Offer for Subscription. A total of 1,901,145 (2021: 1,178,669) Ordinary shares were allotted as a result of dividends paid during the year resulting in £1.81 million (2021: £1.06 million) being retained by the Company.

Shareholders wishing to take advantage of the scheme for any future dividends can join the DIS by completing a mandate form available on the Company's website, under the 'Dividends' heading, at:

www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk, or alternatively, Shareholders can opt-out by contacting Link Group, using their details provided under Corporate Information on page 87.

### Investment Portfolio

The portfolio movements across the year were as follows:

	£m
Portfolio value at 30 September 2021	88.15
New and follow-on investments	7.33
Disposal proceeds	(11.56)
Net realised gains 2.32	
Net unrealised losses (13.16)	
Net investment portfolio losses	(10.84)
Portfolio value at 30 September 2022	73.08

In the face of the current testing environment, particularly during the final quarter of the financial year following the mini-budget, the Investment Adviser has started to see the impact on trading of a number of investee companies of a decline in consumer confidence. As a result, there was a fall of £10.84 million in the overall value of the portfolio across year to 30 September 2022 (2021: increase of £43.64 million), or a fall of (12.3)% on a like-for-like basis compared to the opening value of the portfolio at 1 October 2021. Notably, included within the fall of £10.84 million above, Virgin Wines declined by £9.67 million. Virgin Wines, an AIM-listed investment which has suffered from the negative sentiment of its sector, in spite of positive news flows from the company itself and the relative outperformance versus its peers.

The negative NAV total return for the year was principally comprised of unrealised falls in the value of investments still held of £13.16 million. primarily Virgin Wines, MyTutor and Buster & Punch mitigated to some extent by the successful exits from Media Business Insight and Red Paddle contributing to net realised gains of £2.32 million.

In November 2021, the Company's entire holding in Red Paddle was realised, generating proceeds of £5.52 million, taking proceeds received over the life of the investment of  $\pounds6.50$  million, a

multiple on cost of 5.4x and an IRR of 33.2%. In June 2022, the Company realised its investment in MBI generating (including loan repayments made earlier in the year). This contributed to returns received amounting to £8.23 million, a 2.2x multiple of cost and an IRR of 13.7% over the life of this investment

Following the year-end, Andersen EV, the electric charger provider, was forced into administration as a result of a substantial deterioration in its trading conditions. This has resulted in a realised loss of £0.71 million recognised in the year under review. This is particularly disappointing as the Company, alongside the other Mobeus VCTs made a follow on investment into the company in May of this year. The Company had secured some impressive clients and funding was provided to drive product development in a premium brand which operated in the emerging electric car charging market. However, over the summer months, a sour combination of global supply issues and the removal of Government consumer support for the purchase of EV chargers quickly impacted the company's ability to continue trading and so necessitated the appointment of administrators shortly after the Company's vear-end.

Investment activity during the year has been robust, with four new and eight follow-on investments completed, totalling £7.33 million. The Company invested a total of £2.69 million into four new investments:

Proximity Insight	retail technology software
Bidnamic	a marketing technology business
Orri Limited	an intensive day care provider for adults with eating disorders
FocalPoint	a GPS enhancement software supplier
-	ollow-on investments lion were made into:
Caledonian Leisure	a provider of UK leisure and experience breaks
Northern Bloc	a dairy and allergen- free ice cream brand
Andersen EV	a provider of premium EV chargers
Vivacity	an Al and Urban Traffic Control business
Bleach London	a hair colourants brand
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We expect follow-on investments to continue to be a significant feature of the growth capital investments as they strive to achieve scale and move towards profitability. Follow-on investment requests will be subject to scrutiny and certain criteria being met, including the HMRC Financial Health Test.

During such uncertain times. management of the portfolio is critical and the Investment Adviser is focused on deploying its Talent Managment team to support investments.

Shareholders should be aware that an effective tightening of HMRC policy and practice to a technical aspect of the VCT financing rules is now resulting in the restriction of potential follow-on investments to support companies, where more than half their subscribed share capital has been lost. In a small number of cases, this may result in the Company not being able to follow its money even where a compelling business case exists therefore affecting the growth prospects of these businesses.

After the year end, the Company realised its equity holding in Equip Outdoor Technologies Holdings Limited ("EOTH") for £7.34 million (including preference dividends) These proceeds have contributed to returns received over the life of this investment of £9.54 million, which is a multiple on cost of 6.9x to date. The Company has retained its interest yielding loan stock.

### **Revenue Account**

The results for the year are set out in the Income Statement on page 52 and show a revenue return (after tax) of 1.23 pence per share (2021: 0.77 pence per share). The revenue return for the year of  $\pounds1.53$ million has increased from last year's figure of £0.91 million. This is primarily the result of significant loan interest arrears that were not previously recognised that were received upon the sale of MBI as well as higher receivable dividends from EOTH.

### Fundraising

In January 2022, the Company completed a fundraise of £10 million for

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the 2021/2022 tax year which was fully subscribed in less than 24 hours. This level of demand was pleasing, but the Board was aware that a number of investors were left disappointed having not been able to subscribe. Later in the year, upon considering the future cash requirements of the VCT and the potential demand for the Company's shares, the Board approved a further fundraise for the 2022/23 tax year. Having provided a period of time between the launch of the prospectus and acceptance of applications, the Board was pleased that the initial amount of £14m (as well as an overallotment facility of a further £8m), launched early in October 2022, was fully subscribed by 13 December 2022 and is therefore no longer taking applications. Your Company welcomes both new and existing shareholders. Those investors who invested when the over-allotment facility had been utilised, have vet to receive their shares which are due to be allotted in January 2023 and certificates dispatched shortly afterwards.

The fundraising launched in October 2022 was to ensure that the Company retained adequate levels of liquidity to continue to take advantage of new investment opportunities and fund further expansion of the businesses in its investment portfolio, seek the delivery of attractive returns for its Shareholder, including the payment of dividends, over the medium term, and buy back its shares from those Shareholders who may wish to sell their shares. It is not the intention of the Board to conduct another fundraise in 2023

### Liquidity

Cash and liquidity fund balances as at 30 September 2022 amounted to £34.78 million representing 32.1% of net assets. After the year-end, following the payment of a 4.00 pence per share dividend and the successful fundraise, the pro-forma level of liquidity is £52.55 million (41.6% of net assets). The Board continues to monitor credit risk in respect of its cash and near cash resources and to prioritise the security and protection of the Company's capital.

### Share buy-backs

During the year to 30 September 2022, the Company bought back and cancelled 1,166,089 of its own shares (2021: 1,285,499), representing 1% (2021: 1.1%) of the shares in issue at the beginning of the year, at a total cost of £1.03 million (2021: £1.05 million), inclusive of expenses.

It is the Company's policy to cancel all shares bought back in this way. The Board regularly reviews its buyback policy, where its priority is to act prudently and in the interest of remaining Shareholders, whilst considering other factors, such as levels of liquidity and reserves, market conditions and applicable law and regulations. Under this policy, the Company seeks to maintain the discount at which the Company's shares trade at approximately 5% below the latest published NAV.

### **Shareholder Communications & Annual General Meeting**

May I remind you that the Company has its own website which is available at: www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk

The Investment Adviser last held its Shareholder Event virtually on behalf of all four Mobeus VCTs on 25 February 2022. The event was well received and the Investment Adviser plans to hold another event in March 2023 Further details will be circulated to Shareholders and shown on the Company's website in due course

Your Board is pleased to hold the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company at 11.00am on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at the offices of Shakespeare Martineau LLP, 6th Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London EC3V OHR. A webcast will also be available at the same time for those Shareholders who cannot attend in person however, please note that you will not be able to vote via this method and so are encouraged to return your proxy form before the deadline of 20 February 2023. Information setting out how to join the meeting by virtual means will be shown on the Company's website. For further details, please see the Notice of the Meeting which can be found at the end of this Annual Report & Financial Statements, on pages 84 to 86.

### **Environmental, Social and** Governance ("ESG")

The Board and the Investment Adviser believe that the consideration of environmental, social and corporate

governance ("ESG") factors throughout the investment cycle will contribute towards enhanced Shareholder value.

Gresham House Asset Management Limited, has a team which is focused on sustainability, the Board views this as an opportunity to enhance the Company's existing protocols and procedures through the adoption of the highest industry standards.

The future FCA reporting requirements consistent with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures, which commenced on 1 January 2021 do not currently apply to the Company but will be kept under review, the Board being mindful of any recommended changes.

### Fraud Warning

We are aware of a number of cases where Shareholders are being fraudulently contacted or are being subjected to attempts of identity fraud. Shareholders should remain vigilant of all potential financial scams or requests for them to disclose personal data. The Board strongly recommends Shareholders take time to read the Company's Fraud warning section, including details of who to contact, contained within the Information for Shareholders section on pages 77 to 82.

### **Board Succession**

Helen Sinclair retired from the Board immediately following the Annual General Meeting in February 2022 after 19 years wonderful service and left with the gratitude of the Board. The Board continued to be comprised of the two existing directors whilst considering the appropriate composition and succession of the Board. Following this review, an extensive recruitment process commenced and we were delighted to appoint Nemone Wynn-Evans to the Board and its committees as a nonexecutive director on 7 November 2022 and extend a warm welcome to Nemone, who will present herself for election as a director at the AGM in February 2023. Nemone has a wealth of relevant experience and will bring

additional skills to the Board.

Nemone will take over as Chair of the Audit Committee on 1 January 2023 and I would like to thank Justin for filling this role since his appointment in 2019 and for the excellent work conducted under his Chairmanship. Justin will remain as the Chair of the Investment Committee, a role he also took on earlier in the year.

### Outlook

The geopolitical and economic context for the next twelve months is likely to be challenging although this can also provide a good opportunity to make high quality investments and build strategic stakes in businesses with great potential for the future. Despite the successful exit of EOTH in November, the exit environment is likely to be subdued compared to recent years, although this is not foreseen to be a significant issue given that the VCT fund is not time-limited. However, the combined impact of inflation, interest rates and restrictions in Government spending can all be expected to impact consumer and business confidence. With business failure rates still below their pre-Covid levels, we therefore anticipate that further stresses will become apparent across the UK business population over the coming year. No sectors will be immune, but the Company has a reasonably large and diverse portfolio, managed by a professional and capable Investment team, that mitigates the challenges which lie ahead



### Maurice Helfgott Chair

16 December 2022

# **Strategic Report**

## Company objective and business model

### Objective

The objective of the Company is to provide investors with an attractive return by maximising the stream of tax-free dividend distributions from the income and capital gains generated by a diverse and carefully selected portfolio of investments, while continuing at all times to qualify as a VCT.

### **Summary of Investment Policy**

The Company's Investment Policy is to invest primarily in a diverse portfolio of UK unquoted companies. Investments are generally structured as part loan and part equity in order to receive regular income, to generate capital gain upon sale and to reduce the risk of high exposure to equities. To further spread risk, investments are made in a number of different businesses across different industry sectors

### Summary of VCT regulation

To maintain its status as a VCT, the Company must meet a number of conditions the most important of which are that:

- The Company is required to hold at least 80%, by VCT tax value<sup>1</sup> of its total investments (shares, securities and liquidity) in VCT qualifying holdings, within approximately three years of a fundraising.
- all qualifying investments made by VCTs after 5 April 2018, together with qualifying investments made by funds raised after 5 April 2011 are, in aggregate, required to comprise at least 70% by VCT tax value in "eligible shares" which carry no preferential rights (save as may be permitted under VCT rules);
- no investment in a single company or group of companies may represent more than 15% (by VCT tax value) of the Company's total investments at the date of investment;
- the Company must pay sufficient levels of income dividend from its revenue available for distribution so as not to retain more than 15% of its income from shares and securities in a vear:
- the Company's shares must be listed on the London Stock Exchange or a regulated European stock market:
- non-qualifying investments cannot be made, except for certain exemptions in managing the Company's short-term liquidity;

- VCTs are required to invest 30% of funds raised in an accounting period beginning on or after 6 April 2018 in qualifying holdings within 12 months of the end of that accounting period, and
- The period for reinvestment of the proceeds on disposal of qualifying

To be a VCT qualifying holding, new investments must be in companies:

- which carry on a qualifying trade;
- which have no more than £15 million of gross assets at the time of investment and no more than £16 million immediately following investment from VCTs:
- whose maximum age is generally up to seven years (ten years for knowledge intensive businesses);
- that receive no more than an annual limit of £5 million and a lifetime limit of £12 million (for knowledge intensive companies the lifetime limit is £20 million, and the annual limit is £10 million), from VCTs and similar sources of State Aid funding;
- that use the funds received from VCTs for growth and development purposes.

In addition, VCTs may not:

• offer secured loans to investee companies, and any returns on loan capital above 10% must represent no more than a commercial return on the principal; and

The Company's cash and liquid resources are held in a range of instruments which can be of varying maturities, subject to the overriding criterion that the risk of loss of capital be minimised

The Company seeks to make investments in accordance with the requirements of VCT regulation. A summary of this is set out below.

The full text of the Company's Investment Policy is set out on page 28 of this Strategic Report.

- investments is 12 months.

- make investments that do not meet the 'risk to capital' condition (which requires a company, at the time of investment, to be an entrepreneurial company with the objective to grow and develop, and where there is a genuine risk of loss of capital).
- <sup>1</sup> VCT tax value means as valued in accordance with prevailing VCT legislation. The calculation of VCT tax value is arrived at using tax values, based on the cost of the most recent purchase of an investment instrument in a particular company, which may differ from the actual cost of each investment shown in the Investment Portfolio Summary on pages 22 to 27.

### The Company and its business model

The Company is a Venture Capital Trust and its objective and Investment Policy are therefore designed to ensure that it continues to qualify and is approved as a VCT by HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") whilst maximising returns to Shareholders from both income and capital. A summary of the most important rules that determine VCT approval is set out on page 5.

It is a fully listed company on the London Stock Exchange and is therefore also required to comply with the Listing Rules governing such companies.

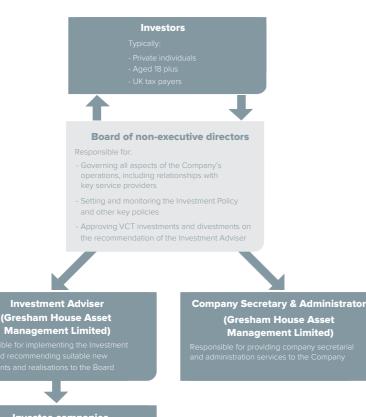
The Company is an externally advised fund and has a Board comprising Non-Executive Directors. The Board has overall responsibility for the Company's affairs, including the determination of its Investment Policy, subject to Shareholder approval. Investment advisory and operational support are outsourced to external service providers including the Investment Adviser, Company Secretary and Administrator and the Registrar, with the strategic and operational framework and key policies set and monitored by the Board.

Investment and divestment proposals are originated, negotiated and recommended by the Investment Adviser and are then subject to comment and approval by the Directors.

Following the acquisition of the VCT investment advisory business of Mobeus Equity Partners LLP ("Mobeus") by Gresham House Asset Management Limited on 30 September 2021, the Company co-invests alongside the Baronsmead VCTs and the other three Mobeus VCTs in new unquoted VCT gualifying investments in proportion to the relative net assets of each VCT (excluding Direct AIM investments).

Private individuals invest in the Company to benefit from both income and capital returns generated by investment performance. By investing in a VCT they are eligible for up-front income tax relief (currently 30% of the amount subscribed for new shares by an investor), as well as tax-free dividends received from the Company. Investors are also not liable for any capital gains tax upon the eventual sale of the shares. Shares have to be held for a minimum of five years to retain the initial income tax relief received.

### The Company's business model is set out in the diagram below.



investee companies	

### Performance

The Board has identified six key performance indicators that it uses in its own assessment of the Company's progress and which are typical for VCTs. These are:

- 1. Annual and cumulative returns per share for the year;
- 2. The Company's performance compared with its peer group;
- 3. Dividends paid compared with dividend target;
  - 4. Compliance with VCT legislation;
  - 5. Share price and discount to NAV; and
  - 6. Costs.

Some of these are classified as alternative performance measures ("APMs") in line with Financial Reporting Council ("FRC") guidance. See Glossary of terms for details on page 83. APMs are measures of performance that are in addition to the data reported in the Financial Statements. It is intended that these will provide Shareholders with sufficient information to assess how the Company has performed against its Objective in the year to 30 September 2022, and over the longer-term, through the application of its investment and other principal policies.

### 1. Annual and cumulative returns per share for the year

The Company's objective is to generate long-term growth returns from capital and income. To assess this, the Board monitors the growth in total returns per share, both on a NAV basis and a share price basis, adjusted for dividends paid in the year.

### Total Shareholder returns per share for the year

The NAV and Share Price total returns per share for the year ended 30 September 2022 were (8.7)% (2021: 50.5%) and (3.8)% (2021: 64.7%) respectively, as shown below:

		NAV basis (p)		Share price basis (p)
	Closing NAV per share	83.73	Closing share price*	81.50
(a)	Plus: dividends paid in year (Note 1)	8.00	Plus: dividends paid in year (Note 1)	8.00
E	NAV Total return for year	91.73	Share price Total return for year	89.50
Iret	Less: opening NAV per share	100.45	Less: opening share price	93.00
ota	Decrease in NAV total return for year		Decrease in Share price total return	
	per share (Note 2)	(8.72)	for year per share	(3.50)
	% NAV Total return for year	(8.7)%*	% Share price total return for year	(3.8)%

\* The Share Price return differs from the NAV total return because the share price at 30 September 2022 is by reference to the latest announced NAV per share, being 86.78 pence as at 30 June 2022, after adjusting for a dividend of 4.00 pence paid in July. Also, the closing share price of 81.50 pence per share has been adjusted because the share price at 30 September 2022 was ex-div, a 4.00 pence per share dividend was paid on 7 November 2022.

Note 1: The dividends paid in the year were a 4.00 pence per share dividend in respect of the year ended 30 September 2021, paid on 7 January 2022, to Shareholders on the register on 10 December 2021 and a 4.00 pence per share dividend in respect of the year ended 30 September 2022, paid on 8 July 2022, to Shareholders on the register on 6 June 2022.

For similar performance data to that shown above for each allotment in each fundraising since the inception of the Company (including the former 'O' Share Fund raised in 2000/01), please see the Performance Data Appendix on pages 80 and 81 of this Annual Report. Note 2: NAV return per share for the year is comprised of:

Year ended 30 September Gross portfolio capital returns Gross income returns Costs Other movements NAV return for the year (as above for 2022 only)

2022 (p)	2021 (p)
(8.38)	36.81
2.18	1.65
(2.45)	(3.15)
(0.07)	0.08
(8.72)	+35.39

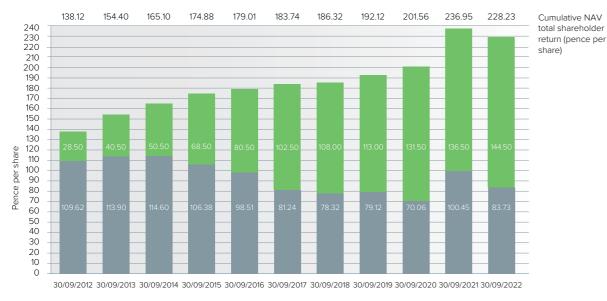
The contributions from the portfolio returns and income are shown before deducting attributable costs. They are explained below under the Review of Financial Results for the year. Costs are referred to in section 6 on page 10.

The Company does not consider it appropriate to set a specific annual cumulative return per share target for the year. However, Shareholders should note that the Board assesses these returns against the Company's ability to meet its current annual dividend target of six pence per share (explained in section 3 Dividends paid compared with dividend target).

Before any performance fee is payable, Shareholders must benefit from cumulative NAV total return since 30 September 2013 of at least 6% per annum (5% for the year ended 30 September 2014) before deducting any performance fee for the year of calculation only. For details, see Note 4 to the Financial Statements.

### Cumulative total shareholder returns per share (NAV basis)

The longer-term trend of performance on this measure is shown in the chart below:



Net asset value Cumulative dividends paid to date

<sup>1</sup> On 7 November 2022, the Company paid a second interim dividend of 4.00 pence per share in respect of the year ended 30 September 2022. Following this dividend, the NAV per share then prevailing will reduce by a corresponding 4.00 pence as well as cumulative dividends paid increasing by the same.

### Internal rate of return ("IRR")

As at 30 September	2022	2021
Internal rate of return (NAV basis) (with tax relief)	13.0%	13.7%
Internal rate of return (NAV basis) (without tax relief)	8.9%	9.2%

These figures include initial income tax relief since the launch of the current share class in February 2008. The IRR is a measure of an investment's rate of return. It is calculated as the annual discount rate that equates the net investment cost (70.00 pence per share with income tax relief, 100 pence per share without tax relief), at the date of the original investment, with the value of subsequent dividends received and the latest NAV per share. This percentage return figure can be compared to percentage returns Shareholders have achieved elsewhere.

### Review of financial results for the year

For the year ended	30 September 2022 £m	30 September 2021 £m
Capital return	(12.73)	40.95
Revenue return	1.53	0.91
Total return	(11.20)	41.86

The capital loss for the year of £12.73 million (9.84 pence of NAV return for the year per share held at the year-end, net of costs charged to capital) is due primarily to a net decrease in unrealised valuations of the portfolio companies, the full exits of Vian Marketing and MBI. The decrease in capital return from £40.95 million to negative £12.73 million is due mainly to a larger net decrease in the unrealised value of the portfolio.

The revenue profit for the year of £1.53 million (1.18 pence of NAV return for the year per share held at the year-end, net of costs charged to revenue) has increased over the previous year. The revenue profit is derived from income, primarily from loan interest, outweighing revenue expenses. This has increased mainly due to a large dividend declared by EOTH during the year and loan interest arrears received upon the loan repayment of MBI. This increase was partially offset by higher revenue expenses, due to increase in director recruitment fees, printing fees and dividend investment scheme issue fees.

### 2. The VCT's performance compared with its peer group

The Board places emphasis on benchmarking the Company's performance against its peer group of generalist VCTs and aims to maintain the Company's performance within the top quartile of this peer group. This compares the percentage increase in NAV total return of the Company (assuming dividends are reinvested) to an index of generalist VCTs, which are members of the AIC over the last one, three, five and ten years based on figures published by Morningstar.

Period	I&G VCT NAV Total Return % (Rank)	Weighted average Generalist VCT NAV Total Return % (No. of VCTs)
One year	(4.1)% <sup>1</sup> (29th)	(2.0)% (41)
Three years	58.0% (4th)	25.6% (41)
Five years	85.1% (2nd)	35.6% (39)
Ten years	182.1% (9th)	100.5% (31)

<sup>1</sup> This figure of (4.1)% differs from that shown in section 1 of (8.7)%, due to the former being based upon the latest announced NAV per share of 90.78 pence per share at 30 June 2022 less an interim dividend paid of 4.00 pence per share as well as assuming dividends are reinvested at each payment date

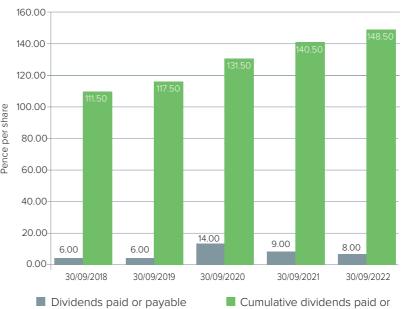
On a NAV cumulative Total Return basis (which, compared to the figures above assumes dividends are not reinvested), the VCT was ranked 31st over one year (out of 41 VCTs) 4th over three years (out of 41 VCTs), 2nd over five years (out of 39 VCTs) and 9th over ten years (out of 31 VCTs) among generalist (including planned exit) VCTs at 30 September 2022. These statistics are produced by the AIC (based on information prepared by Morningstar).

The Board is pleased with the performance of the Company in respect of its peer group over the medium and longer term, but is disappointed at the relative fall in recent short-term comparable performance.

### 3. Dividends paid compared with dividend target

in respect of the financial year

The Company's objective is to provide Shareholders with an attractive stream of tax-free dividends. The Company's annual dividend target is six pence per share. However, the Board continues to review the sustainability of this target and the ability of the Company to pay dividends in the future cannot be guaranteed and will be subject to performance and availability of cash and reserves.



payable in respect of the financial year

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Dividends paid or payable per share in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2022 were 8.00 pence comprising of two interim dividends of 4.00 pence per share, paid/ payable to Shareholders on 8 July 2022 and 7 November 2022, respectively. Cumulative dividends paid/payable to date since the inception of the current share fund are now 148.50 pence per share.1

<sup>1</sup> The first allotment of the former 'S' Share class, now the current share class took place on 6 February 2008.

# **Investment Adviser's Review**

### 4. Compliance with VCT legislation

In making their investment in a VCT, Shareholders become eligible for a number of tax benefits under VCT tax legislation, as long as the Company also complies with VCT tax legislation. To achieve this, the Company must meet a number of tests set by the VCT legislation, a summary of which is given in the table headed 'Summary of VCT regulation' on page 5. Throughout the year ended 30 September 2022, the Company continued to meet these tests.

### 5. Share price and discount to NAV

The Board recognises that Shareholders may wish to sell their shares from time to time and that the secondary market for VCT shares can be limited. The impact of this secondary market is that the Company's share price will typically trade at a level which is less than the Company's NAV per share. Subject to the Company having sufficient available funds and distributable reserves, it is the Board's intention to pursue a buyback policy with the objective of maintaining the discount to NAV at which the Company's shares may trade in the market at approximately 5% or less.

This buyback policy provides a mechanism for the Company to enhance the liquidity of its shares and seek to manage the level and volatility of the discount to NAV at which its shares may trade as market liquidity in VCTs is normally very restricted. Continuing Shareholders benefit from the difference between the NAV and the price at which the shares are bought back and cancelled.

The discount for the Company's shares at 30 September 2022 was 6.1% (2021: 4.3%) based on the share price shown in the table on page 1 and the NAV at 30 June 2022 of 86.78 pence (after deducting a 4.00 pence per share dividend paid on 8 July 2022). The discount temporarily exceeded 5% at the year end due to a small number of secondary trades undertaken just prior to the vear end.

During the year ended 30 September 2022, Shareholders holding 1,166,089 shares expressed their desire to sell their investments. The Company instructed its brokers, Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited, to purchase these shares at prices reflecting the Company's share buyback discount policy. The Company subsequently purchased these shares at prices of between 78.64 and 91.63 pence per share and cancelled them. During the year, the Company bought back 1.0% of the issued share capital of the Company at 1 October 2021.

### 6. Costs

Shareholders will be aware there are a number of costs involved in operating a VCT. Although Shareholders do not bear costs in excess of the expense cap of 3.25%, the Board aims to maintain the ratio before any performance fees at not more than 3%

The Board monitors costs using the Ongoing Charges Ratio which is as set out in the table below:

	2022	2021
Ongoing charges Performance fee	2.5%	2.3% 1.0%
Ongoing charges plus accrued performance fee	2.5%	3.3%

The Ongoing Charges Ratio has been calculated using the AIC recommended methodology. This figure shows Shareholders the annual percentage reduction in shareholder returns as a result of recurring operational expenses, assuming markets remain static and the portfolio is not traded. Although the ongoing charges figure is based upon historical information, it provides Shareholders with an indication of the likely level of costs that will be incurred in managing the fund in the future.

The Total Expense Ratio (which differs from the Ongoing charges ratio and forms the basis of any expense cap upon Investment Adviser fees, see Note 4 for further explanation) for the year was 2.8% (2021: 2.1%) of closing net assets. As a result, no breach has occurred of the expense cap of 3.25% of the closing net assets for the year ended 30 September 2022 (2021: £nil).

### Investment Adviser fees and other expenses

Investment Adviser fees charged to both revenue and capital have increased from £2.20 million to £2.64 million. This increase reflects principally a higher level of net assets over the majority of the year. Also, the Investment Adviser performance incentive fee target return hurdle was not achieved during the year resulting in no performance fee (2021: £1.10 million).

Other expenses have increased from £0.44 million to £0.54 million, mainly due to increase in director recruitment fees, printing fees and dividend investment scheme issue fees.

Further details of these fees and expenses are contained in Notes 4 and 5 to the Financial Statements on pages 58 to 60.

### **Portfolio Review**

The current macro environment continues to create challenging conditions for all enterprises including our investee companies, with operating margins coming under pressure.

The portfolio movements in the year are summarised as follows:

	<b>2022</b> £m	2021 £m
Dpening portfolio value	88.15	50.86
New and follow- on investments	7.33	8.09
Disposal proceeds	(11.56)	(14.44)
Net realised gains	2.32	4.16
Jnrealised /aluation losses	(13.16)	39.48
Portfolio value at 30 September	73.08	88.15

The year to 30 September 2022 saw a consumer confidence across the UK and In spite of relatively resilient underlying trading performance in the early part of the year, the portfolio value has reduced as a result of these circumstances. The Company made four new growth capital investments during the year totalling £2.69 million:

Proximity Insight - £0.81 million Retail technology software

Bidnamic - £0.64 million Marketing technology business

FocalPoint - £0.66 million A GPS enhancement software provider Orri Limited - £0.58 million

An intensive day care provider for adults with eating disorders

Also during the year, the Company further invested into eight portfolio companies totalling £4.64 million, a breakdown is listed later in the Investment Adviser's Review.

significant decline in many guoted market values. In addition, political uncertainties have also affected impact is now being starting to be seen. Two strong exits were achieved during the year, Red Paddle and MBI. On Red Paddle, the Company received a total of £5.52 million in proceeds during the year, generating a realised gain of £1.20 million in the year. On MBI, the Company

The portfolio's valuation changes in the year are summarised as follows:

Investment Portfolio Capital Movement	2022 £m	2021 £m
Increase in the value of unrealised investments	7.32	40.81
Decrease in the value of unrealised investments	(20.48)	(1.33)
Net (decrease)/increase in the value of unrealised investments	(13.16)	39.48
Realised gains	3.03	4.26
Realised losses	(O.71)	(0.10)
Net realised gains in the year	2.32	4.16
Net investment portfolio movement in the year	(10.84)	43.64

### Valuation changes of portfolio investments still held

The main reductions within total valuation decreases of £(20.48) million, were:

- Virgin Wines £(9.67) million;
- MyTutor £(3.60) million
- Buster and Punch £(1.64) million, and
- Wetsuit Outlet £(1.58) million.

Virgin Wines has consistently delivered robust trading performance relative to its peers and continued to release positive

news flow. Nevertheless, the value of the AIM-listed stock has been impacted by the general de-rating of its sector. MyTutor has generated strong revenues in the year to date, both above budget and previous years. However, a reduction in comparator multiples has reduced the value of this investment which reflects market movements rather than company specific performance. The decrease in Buster and Punch and Wetsuit Outlet reflects the weak economic environment and the resulting deterioration of consumer sentiment.

The main uplifts within total valuation

received a total of £6.02 million in proceeds during the year generating a realised gain of £1.82 million. It was disappointing that Andersen EV, despite securing some large clients such as Porsche and JLR, went into administration, Andersen experienced very challenging trading conditions with substantially reduced demand, supplier chain issues, cost pressures and the removal of government consumer support for the purchase of EV chargers. A realised loss of £0.71 million was recognised during the financial year as a result.

After the year end, the Company realised its equity holding in Equip Outdoor Technologies Holdings Limited for £7.34 million (including preference dividends). These proceeds have contributed to returns received over the life of this investment of £9.54 million, which is a multiple on cost of 6.9x to date, an IRR of 23.2%. The Company has retained it interest yielding loan stock.

The investment and divestment activity during the year has further increased the proportion of the portfolio comprised of investments made since the 2015 VCT rule change to 71.5% by value at the year-end (30 September 2021: 59.5%).

increases of £7.32 million were:

- Preservica £2.84 million
- EOTH £1.72 million
- Master Removers Group -£1.40 million

Preservica continues build its high retention, long contract term Softwareas-a-Service ("SaaS") business improving recurring revenues year on year. EOTH and Master Removers Group continue to grow with both businesses being very cash generative and high margin

### **Realised gains**

The Company realised its investments in Red Paddle and MBI during the year under review, generating gains in the

year of £1.20 million and £1.82 million, respectively. These contributed to a multiple of cost of 5.4x and 2.2x over the life of the investments. A further £0.01 million of deferred proceeds were

received from investments realised in a previous year. Conversely, Muller EV (trading as Andersen EV) generated a realised loss in the year of  $\pounds(0.71)$  million.

### Investment portfolio yield

In the year under review, the Company received the following amounts in loan interest and dividend income:

	2022 £m	<mark>2021</mark> £m
Interest received in the year	1.41	1.22
Dividends received in the year	1.16	0.69
Total portfolio income in the year <sup>1</sup>	2.57	1.91
Portfolio Value at 30 September	73.08	88.15
Portfolio Income Yield (Income as a % of Portfolio value at 30 September)	3.5%	2.2%

<sup>1</sup> Total portfolio income in the year is generated solely from investee companies within the portfolio.

### New Investments during the year

The Company made four new investments totalling £2.69 million, as detailed below:

	Company	Business	Date of investment	Amount of new investment (£m)
<b>?</b> proximityinsight	Proximity Insight	Retail software	February 2022	0.81

Proximity Insight (proximityinsight.com) is a retail technology business that offers a 'Super-App' that is used by the customerfacing teams of brands and retailers to engage, inspire and transact with customers. Headquartered in London with offices in New York and Sydney, Proximity Insight has a global client base that includes over 20 brands, boutiques and department stores in fashion, beauty, jewellery, electronics and homewares. These clients use Proximity Insight's platform to blur the lines between physical and digital retail, enhancing the customer experience and improving the lifetime value of their customers by upwards of 35%. The business grew annual recurring revenue by 117% to £2.2 million in 2021, and the investment will support Proximity Insight's continued product development and international growth. The investment was made across all six VCTs advised and managed by Gresham House, including the two Baronsmead VCTs.

Bidnamic	Bidnamic	Marketing technology business	May 2022	0.64
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Lads Store Limited, trading as "Bidnamic" (bidnamic.com) is a marketing technology business that offers a SaaS platform for online retailers to manage their search engine marketing spend. The technology was all developed internally and uses bespoke machine learning algorithms to automate the management and optimisation of online retailers' Google shopping spend. The ARR of the business has grown substantially over the last two years and this is projected to continue. The investment round will be used to further enhance the product's capabilities and drive continued ARR growth through expanding the sales & marketing team and building a presence in North America. The investment was made across all six VCTs advised and managed by Gresham House, including the two Baronsmead VCTs.

FocalPoint         FocalPoint         GPS enhancement software provider         September 2022         0.66	
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Focal Point Positioning Limited (focalpointpositioning.com) is a deeptech business with a growing IP and software portfolio. Its proprietary technology applies advanced physics and machine learning to dramatically improve the satellite-based location sensitivity, accuracy, and security of devices such as smartphones, wearables, and vehicles and reduce costs. The investment was made across all six VCTs advised and managed by Gresham House, including the two Baronsmead VCTs.

	Company	Business	Date of investment	Amount of new investment (£m)
ORRI	Orri	Specialists in eating disorder support	September 2022	0.58

Orri Limited (orri-uk.com) is an intensive day care provider for adults with eating disorders. Orri provides an alternative to expensive residential in-patient treatment and lighter-touch outpatient services by providing highly structured day and half day sessions either online or in-person at its clinic on Hallam Street, London. Orri opened its current clinic on Hallam Street, London in February 2019 which provides a homely environment in a converted 4-storey manor house but which is operating at capacity. The plan sees a larger site being leased nearby with Hallam Street being used to provide a step-down outpatient service. The investment was made across all six VCTs advised and managed by Gresham House, including the two Baronsmead VCTs.

### Further investments during the year

The Company made eight further investments into existing portfolio companies, totalling £4.64 million, as detailed below:

	Company	Business	Date of investment	Amount of further investment (£m)
Preservica	Preservica	Provider of digital preservation solutions	November 2021	1.71
Preservica (preservica.com) is a leading provider of digital preservation solutions and its access software is used around the globe by leading businesses, archives, libraries, museums and government organisations to safeguard and share valuable digital content. The additional investment provides further growth funding to enable Preservica to evolve its technology platform and to bring a potentially transformational product to market in collaboration with Microsoft.				

••••ActiveNavigation	Active Navigation	File analysis software	December 2021	0.43
Data Discovery Solutions, t	rading as Active Navigatio	on (activenay.com) is a file anal	vsis software solution v	which makes it easier

for companies to clean up network drives, respond to new data protection laws and dispose of redundant and out dated documents. Active Navigation's solution is used by significant blue chip customers, particularly those in highly regulated industries such as energy and professional services, as well as government entities in the USA, Canada, Australia and the UK. Active Navigation will seek to drive continued growth from its file analysis platform with the recruitment of experienced sales and professional services staff.

Caledonian Leisure	Caledonian Leisure	UK Leisure and experience breaks	January / February 2022	0.30

Caledonian Leisure works with accommodation providers, coach businesses and other experienced providers (such as entertainment destinations and theme parks) to deliver UK-based leisure and experience breaks to its customers. It comprises two brands, Caledonian Travel (caledoniantravel.com) and UK Breakaways (ukbreakaways.com). The domestic leisure and experience travel market was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the company was well-placed to expand as lockdown and travel restrictions eased. A series of planned investment tranches has helped the company prepare for and capitalise on the strong demand for UK staycation holidays.

NORTHERN — B L°C —	Northern Bloc	Dairy and allergen-free ice cream producer	April 2022	0.19		
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No fo free ice cream sector. The company's focus on plant-based alternatives has strong environmental credentials as well as it being the first ice cream brand to move wholly into sustainable packaging. Following the initial investment in December 2020, Northern Bloc has grown and strengthened its prospects against a challenging market backdrop. This further investment provides additional working capital and funds a new production facility to increase its resilience, flexibility and margins in the future.

	Company	Business	Date of investment	Amount of further investment (£m)
ANDERSEN	Andersen EV	Premium EV chargers	May 2022	0.40

Muller EV Limited (trading as Andersen EV) (andersen-ev.com) is a design-led manufacturer of premium electric vehicle (EV) chargers. Incorporated in 2016, this business secured high profile partnerships with household brands, establishing an attractive niche position in charging points for the high-end EV market. This follow-on funding was to further support its premium brand and product positioning whilst ensuring all new and existing products meet the most recent and highest safety and compliance standards. Unfortunately, over the summer months the company experienced very challenging trading conditions including substantially reduced demand, global supply chain issues, inflation and the removal of government consumer support for the purchase of EV chargers. The company therefore entered administration after the year end.

C rotageek	RotaGeek	Workforce management software	June 2022	0.31
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RotaGeek (rotageek.com) is a provider of cloud-based enterprise software to help larger retail, leisure and healthcare organisations to schedule staff effectively. RotaGeek has proven its ability to solve the scheduling issue for large retail clients effectively competing due to the strength of its technologically advanced proposition. The company has made significant commercial progress since the VCTs first investment nearly doubling Annual Recurring Revenues (ARR). This investment will help boost ARR further and enable the company to take advantage further large client opportunities.

VIVACITY	Vivacity	Provider of artificial intelligence & urban traffic control systems	July 2022	0.84
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Vivacity (vivacitylabs.com) develops camera sensors with on-board video analytics software that enables real-time anonymised data gathering of road transport system usage. It offers city transport authorities the ability to manage their road infrastructure more effectively, enabling more efficient monitoring of congestion and pollution levels as well as planning for other issues, such as the changing nature of road usage (e.g. the increasing number of cyclists). The technology and software represent a significant leap forward for local planning authorities which have traditionally relied upon manual data collection methods. This new investment will help boost the company's revenues through development of new functionality to enhance its product suite which can also be installed into the existing asset base.

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Bleach London Holdings ("Bleach") (bleachlondon.com) is an established brandwhich develops and markets a range of innovative haircare and colouring products. Bleach is regarded as a leading authority in the hair colourant market having opened one of the world's first salons focused on colouring and subsequently launched its first range of products in 2013. This further investment was part of a wider £5.5 million investment round alongside existing shareholders and a strategic partner. The funds will be used to drive further expansion and strategic penetration of the North American market and consolidate the brand's position in the UK market.

### Portfolio Realisations during the year

The Company realised two investments, as detailed below:

	Company	Business	Period of investment	Total cash proceeds over the life of the investment/ Multiple over cost	
Vian Marketing Limited (trading as Red Paddle)Design, manufacture and sale of stand-up paddleboards and windsurfing sailsJuly 2015 to November 2021£6.50 million5.4x					
The Company sold its investment in Vian Marketing Limited (trading as Red Paddle) to the Myers Family Office for $\$5.52$ million (realised gain in the year: $\$1.20$ million). This investment generated proceeds over the life of the investment of $\$6.50$ million compared to original cost of $\$1.21$ million, which is a multiple of cost of $\$5.4x$ and an IRR of $\$3.2\%$ .					

МВ	Publishing and events business	January 2015 to June 2022	£8.23 million 2.2x cost
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The Company realised its investment in MBI for £6.02 million (realised gain in the year: £1.82 million) including deferred proceeds received since completion. Total proceeds received over the life of the investment were £8.23 million compared to an original investment cost of £3.67 million, representing a multiple on cost of 2.2x and an IRR of 13.7%.

### Environmental, Social, Governance considerations

The novation of the investment advisory agreement to Gresham House has enabled the Company to benefit from a dedicated team which is focused on sustainability tasked with implementing the highest industry standards in this area. Under the new enlarged investment team, each investment executive is responsible for their own individual ESG objectives in support of the wider overarching ESG goals of the Investment Adviser. For further details, Gresham House published its second Sustainable Investment Report in April 2022, which can be found on its website at: www.greshamhouse.com.

navigating through some particularly challenging short-term trading conditions. The VCT has ample liquidity to provide further support to its portfolio businesses through this period and is keen to make such investments where there is a commercial case to do so over the medium-long term.

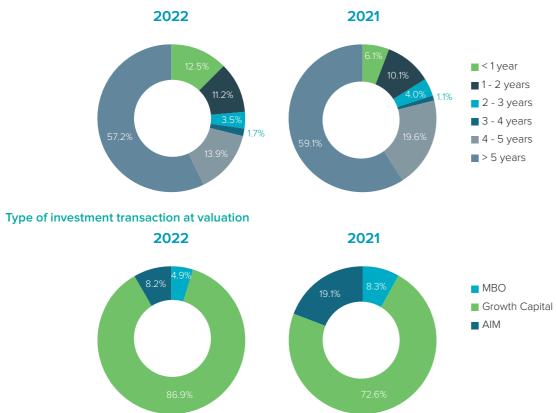
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Outlook

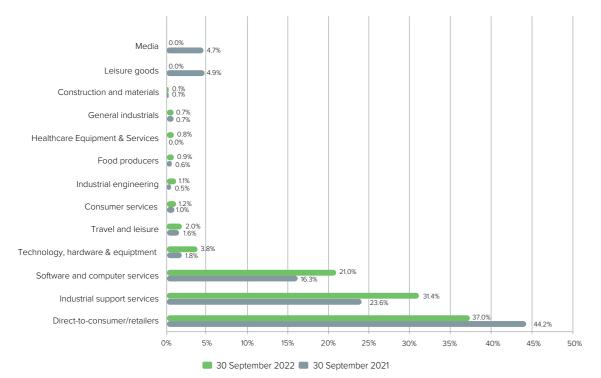
With inflation, political uncertainty and the increasing threat of recession impacting consumer confidence and business investment, the number of UK businesses experiencing financial stress is set to increase. This will impact all sectors and businesses to varying degrees and may present attractive opportunities for a selective investor with the advantage of being able to take a longer term view such as your VCT. However, the economic backdrop will also impact existing portfolio companies and falls largely outside of the experience of this generation of management teams and advisers. Markets are volatile and uncertain and business planning is particularly difficult. As such, the experience of seasoned investment managers will be increasingly important in the coming year as they seek to support their portfolio management teams in





### Investments by market sector at valuation

Investments by value remain diversified across a number of sectors, primarily in direct-to-consumer/retailers, industrial support services and software and computer services.



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Strategic Report

## Principal investments in the Portfolio at 30 September 2022

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www.preservio	ca.com	www.mpb.com
Cost	£4,675,000	Cost
Valuation	£13,544,000	Valuation
Basis of valuat Revenue multi	Basis of valuation Revenue multiple	
Equity % held 18.1%		Equity % held 4.5%
Income receiva £108,934	able in year	Income receivable Nil
Business Seller of propr archiving softv	Business Online marketplac photographic and	
Location Abingdon, Oxf	ordshire	Location Brighton
Original transa Growth capital		Original transactic Growth capital
Audited finar	ncial information	Audited financia
Year ended Turnover	31 March 2022 Not disclosed	Year ended Turnover
Operating prof (loss) Net assets	it/ Not disclosed £(1,001,000)	Operating loss Net assets
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Year ended	31 March 2021 Not disclosed	Turnover Operating loss
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Preservica

**Preservica Limited** 

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31 March 2021 £64,888,000 £(911,000) Operating loss Net assets £31,267,000

31 January 2022 £95,790,000 £45,230,000 31 January 2021 £61,258,000 Turnover

£8,241,000 £32,711,000

### Movements during the year

Follow on investment of £1.71 million.

None.

outdoor technologies

**EOTH Limited** (trading as Rab and Lowe Alpine)

£1,383,000

www.equipuk.com

Cost

### Valuation £7.149.000

Basis of valuation Earnings multiple Equity % held 2.5%

Income receivable in year £1,077,811

Business Distributor of branded outdoor equipment and clothing including the Rab and Lowe Alpine brands

Location Alfreton, Derbyshire Original transaction Growth capital

# Audited financial information Year ended Turnover Operating profit £20,360,000 Net assets Year ended

Operating profit Net assets

# Movements during the year Movements during the year

None.

# **MyTutor**

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Net assets

Turnover

Net assets

Operating loss

Operating loss

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Cost	£3,362,000	Cost	£4

Valuation £5,042,000

Basis of valuation Revenue multiple Equity % held 7.2%

Income receivable in year Nil

**Business** Digital marketplace connecting school pupils seeking one-to-one tutoring with tutors

Location London Original transaction Growth capital

### Financial information (unaudited)

Year ended 31 December 2020 Turnover Not disclosed Operating profit/ Not disclosed (loss) £2,953,000 Net liabilities

Year ended 31 December 2019 Turnover Not disclosed Operating profit/ Not disclosed (loss) Net assets £1,399,000

Movements during the year	Movements du
None.	None.

Financial information above and opposite is derived from publicly available Report and accounts. The valuation of each investee company is derived in line with the valuation methodology detailed in Note 9 and is typically based upon each investee company's latest management accounts information not yet disclosed to public sources.

Further details of the investments in the portfolio may be found on the Mobeus VCTs' website: www.mobeusvcts.co.uk.

Operating profit is stated before charging depreciation and amortisation, where appropriate, for all investee companies.

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Cost	£465,000	Cost	£1,324,000		
Valuation	£4,244,000	Valuation	£3,688,000		
Basis of valuation Earnings multiple			Basis of valuation Revenue multiple		
Equity % held 8.8%		Equity % held 6.6%			
Income receivable in year £202,901		Income receiva Nil	Income receivable in year Nil		
Business A specialist logistics, storage and removals business		Business A premium froz provider	A premium frozen raw dog food		
Location London		Location Edinburgh			
Original transaction Growth capital		Original transaction Growth capital			
Audited finan	cial information	Audited finan	cial information		
Period ended 3 Turnover	30 September 2021 £38,530,000	Year ended Turnover	31 March 2022 £19,271,000		

Period ended 30 Septer £38,530,000 £8,694,000 £16,378,000

Year ended 30 September 2020 £26,984,000 £4,143,000 £14,286,000

£(2,024,000) Operating loss Net assets £2,998,000

Year ended Turnover Operating loss Net assets

31 March 2021 £11,230,000 £(1,861,000)

£1,024,000

uring the year

Movements during the year

None.

## Principal investments in the Portfolio at 30 September 2022



Virgin Wines	UK plc
www.virginwine	es.co.uk
Cost	£65,000
Valuation	£3,158,000
Basis of valuation	

Bid price (AIM quoted) Equity % held 11.8% Income receivable in year Nil **Business** Online wine retailer

Location Norwich

Original transaction Management buyout

### **Audited financial information**

Year ended	30 June 2022
Turnover	£69,152,000
Operating profit	£6,134,000
Net assets	£22,073,000
Year ended	30 June 2021
Turnover	£73,634,000
Operating profit	£3,468,000
Net assets	£17,627,000

Movements during the year

None.

BUSTER+PUNCH	
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### End Ordinary Group Limited (trading as Buster and Punch)

www.busterandpunch.com

£2,047,000 Cost

### £2,827,000 Valuation

Basis of valuation Earnings multiple Equity % held 10.6% Income receivable in year

Nil Business Industrial inspired lighting and interiors retailer

Location Stamford Original transaction Growth capital

## Audited financial information

Year ended 31 March 2021 Turnover Not disclosed Operating profit/ (loss) Not disclosed £5,614,000 Net assets 31 March 2020 Year ended Not disclosed Turnover Operating profit/ Not disclosed (loss)£1.679.000 Net assets

Movements during the year

None.



# **IDOX** plc www.idoxgroup.com

£454,000

### Valuation £2,692,000

Basis of valuation Bid price (AIM quoted) Equity % held 0.9%

Income receivable in year £16,000

**Business** Developer and supplier of knowledge management products

## Location London

Cost

Original transaction Development capital

### Audited financial information

Year ended 31	October 2021
Turnover	£62,185,000
Operating profit	£19,519,000
Net assets	£60,810,000
Year ended 31	October 2020
Turnover <sup>1</sup>	£57,284,000
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	£17,238,000
Net assets	£46,958,000

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## Movements during the year

None.

# **Active**Navigation



	y Solutions Limited tive Navigation)	Arkk Consult	ing Limite
www.activenav	rigation.com	www.www.arkk	solutions.
Cost	£1,976,000	Cost	£2,18
Valuation	£2,475,000	Valuation	£2,4

### Valuation £2.475.000

Basis of valuation Revenue multiple Equity % held 9.2%

Income receivable in year £50,467

Original transaction

Growth capital

Operating profit/

### Business

Location

London

Turnover

(loss)

Provider of a global market leading file analysis software for information governance, security and requirements compliance

Location Winchester Original transaction

Growth capital

Basis of valuation

Revenue multiple

Income receivable in year

Equity % held

10.0%

**Business** 

Nil

### Audited financial information

29 June 2021 Year ended Not disclosed Turnover Operating profit/ (loss) Not disclosed £3,940,000 Net assets

29 June 2020 Year ended Turnover Not disclosed Operating profit/ (loss) Not disclosed Net assets

Movements during the year

### Net assets Year ended 31 December 2020 Turnover Operating profit/ (loss) Net assets

## Movements during the year

Follow on investment of £0.43 million.

None

Financial information above and opposite is derived from publicly available Report and accounts. The valuation of each investee company is derived in line with the valuation methodology detailed in Note 9 and is typically based upon each investee company's latest management accounts information not yet disclosed to public sources.

Further details of the investments in the portfolio may be found on the Mobeus VCTs' website: www.mobeusvcts.co.uk.

Operating profit is stated before charging depreciation and amortisation, where appropriate, for all investee companies.

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82,000

£2,427.000

Provider of services and software to enable organisations to remain compliant with regulatory reporting ν<sub>IV</sub>Λ TV

## **Vivacity Labs Limited**

www.vivacitylabs.com

### £2,094,000 Cost

## Valuation

£2,094,000

Basis of valuation Revenue multiple Equity % held 7.6% Income receivable in year Nil

**Business** Provider of artificial intelligence & urban traffic control systems

Location London Original transaction Growth capital

### **Audited Financial information**

Year ended 31 December 2021 Not disclosed

> Not disclosed £(1,056,000)

Not disclosed

Not disclosed £(428,000)

# **Financial information (unaudited)**

Year ended 31 December 2021 Turnover Not disclosed Operating profit/ Not disclosed (loss) Net assets £3,954,000

Year ended 31 December 2020 Turnover Not disclosed Operating profit/ (loss) Not disclosed Net assets £632,000

### Movements during the year

Follow on investment of £0.84 million.

# **Investment Portfolio Summary**

for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Ordin Cost at 30 September 2022 £	ary shares Valuation at 30 September 2022 £	Other inv Cost at 30 September 2022 £	vestments <sup>1</sup> Valuation at 30 September 2022 £	Total Cost at 30 September 2022 £	Total Valuation at 30 September 2021 £
Preservica Limited Seller of proprietary digital archiving software	1,870,014	10,605,723	2,805,149	2,938,484	4,675,163	8,986,207
MPB Group Limited Online marketplace for used photographic equipment	1,510,992	7,335,235	-	-	1,510,992	7,466,511
EOTH Limited (trading as Equip Outdoor Technologies) Distributor of branded outdoor equipment and clothing including the Rab and Lowe Alpine brands	138,331	5,793,740	1,244,982	1,355,336	1,383,313	5,427,729
My TutorWeb Limited (trading as MyTutor) Digital marketplace connecting school pupils seeking one- to-one online tutoring	3,361,778	5,042,133	-	-	3,361,778	8,640,371
Master Removers Group 2019 Limited (trading as Anthony Ward Thomas, Bishopsgate and Aussie Man & Van) A specialist logistics, storage and removals business	464,658	4,244,308	-	-	464,658	2,847,390
Bella & Duke Limited A premium frozen raw dog food provider	1,323,745	3,688,457	-	-	1,323,745	3,165,212
Virgin Wines UK plc Online wine retailer	65,288	3,158,366	-	-	65,288	12,830,864
End Ordinary Group Limited (trading as Buster and Punch) Industrial inspired lighting and interiors retailer	2,046,612	2,826,776	-	-	2,046,612	4,470,852
I-Dox plc <sup>4</sup> Developer and supplier of knowledge management products	453,881	2,691,797	-	-	453,881	2,916,088
Data Discovery Solutions Limited (trading as Active Navigation) Provider of global market leading file analysis software for information governance, security and compliance	1,975,681	2,475,414	-	-	1,975,681	3,087,000
<b>Arkk Consulting Limited (trading as Arkk Solutions)</b> Provider of services and software to enable organisations to remain compliant with regulatory reporting requirements	915,607	993,604	1,266,580	1,433,423	2,182,187	2,264,597
Vivacity Labs Limited Provider of artificial intelligence & urban traffic control systems	2,093,538	2,093,538	-	-	2,093,538	1,250,760
Tharstern Group Limited Software based management Information systems for the printing industry	451,328	549,063	1,002,950	1,436,795	1,454,278	1,668,487
Manufacturing Services Investment Limited (trading as Wetsuit Outlet) Online retailer in the water sports market	1,602,591	23,922	1,602,591	1,602,591	3,205,182	3,202,735
Rota Geek Limited Provider of cloud based enterprise software that uses data- driven technologies to help retail and leisure organisations schedule staff	1,250,800	916,542	312,700	312,700	1,563,500	962,085
Connect Childcare Group Limited Nursery management software provider	578,614	635,427	578,600	578,600	1,157,214	1,390,148

Additional investments	Total Valuation at 30 September 2022	Interest receivable in year	Dividends receivable in year	Unrealised gains/(losses) in year	Realised gains/(losses) in year	Net proceeds	% of equity held <sup>2,3</sup>	% of portfolio by value
£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
1,714,264	13,544,207	108,934	-	2,843,736	-	-	18.1%	18.5%
-	7,335,235	-	-	(131,276)	-	-	4.5%	10.0%
-	7,149,076	132,425	945,386	1,721,347	-	-	2.5%	9.8%
-	5,042,133	-	-	(3,598,238)	-	-	7.2%	6.9%
-	4,244,308	-	202,901	1,396,918	-	-	8.8%	5.8%
-	3,688,457	-	-	523,245	-	-	6.6%	5.0%
-	3,158,366	-	-	(9,672,498)	-	-	11.8%	4.3%
-	2,826,776	-	-	(1,644,076)	-	-	10.6%	3.9%
-	2,691,797	-	16,000	(224,291)	-	-	0.9%	3.7%
432,181	2,475,414	-	-	(1,043,767)	-	-	10.0%	3.4%
-	2,427,027	50,467	-	162,430	-	-	9.2%	3.3%
842,778	2,093,538	-	-	-	-	-	7.6%	2.9%
-	1,985,858	118,166	-	317,371	-	-	17.0%	2.7%
-	1,626,513	40,833	-	(1,576,222)	-	-	8.8%	2.2%
312,700	1,229,242	9,252	-	(45,543)	-	-	6.4%	1.7%
-	1,214,027	57,860	-	(176,121)	(1,736)	-	4.2%	1.7%

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<sup>1</sup> 'Other investments' comprise principally loan stock instruments, and/or relatively small amounts of preference shares.

<sup>2</sup> The percentage of equity held, and the amounts co-invested, in these companies by funds managed by Gresham House Asset Management Limited are disclosed in Note 10 of the financial statements.

<sup>3</sup> The percentage of equity held for these companies is the fully diluted figure, in the event that for example, management of the investee company exercises share options where available.

<sup>4</sup> Investment formerly managed by Nova Capital Management Limited until 31 August 2007.

# **Investment Portfolio Summary**

for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Ordin Cost at 30 September 2022	ary shares Valuation at 30 September 2022	Other inv Cost at 30 September 2022	vestments <sup>1</sup> Valuation at 30 September 2022	Total Cost at 30 September 2022	Total Valuation at 30 September 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bleach London Holdings Limited Hair colourants brand	1,332,831	1,100,240	-	-	1,332,831	1,335,917
IPV Limited Provider of media asset software	954,674	954,674	-	-	954,674	954,674
Legatics Limited SaaS LegalTech software provider	909,330	909,330	-	-	909,330	909,330
Pets' Kitchen Limited (trading as Vet's Klinic) Veterinary clinics	482,400	482,400	361,800	361,800	844,200	844,200
Aquasium Technology Limited <sup>4</sup> Manufacturing and marketing of bespoke electron beam welding and vacuum furnace equipment	166,667	817,351	-	-	166,667	478,072
<b>Proximity Insight Holdings Limited</b> Super-App used by customer-facing teams of brands and retailers to engage, inspire and transact with customers	807,000	807,000	-	-	807,000	-
Caledonian Leisure Limited Provider of UK leisure and experience breaks	449,251	461,263	299,498	306,088	748,749	449,251
Spanish Restaurant Group Limited (trading as Tapas Revolution) Spanish restaurant chain	543,483	-	1,086,750	669,502	1,630,233	979,122
Focal Point Positioning Limited A positioning technology company	664,921	664,921	-	-	664,921	-
Northern Bloc Ice Cream Limited Supplier of premium vegan ice cream	662,340	654,951	-	-	662,340	506,869
Lads Store Limited (trading as Bidnamic) SaaS platform for optimisation of search engine marketing spend	637,383	637,383	-	-	637,383	-
Orri Limited An intensive day care provider for adults with eating disorders	581,700	581,700	-	-	581,700	-
CGI Creative Graphics International Limited Vinyl graphics to global automotive, recreation vehicle and aerospace markets	639,084	-	1,304,864	495,475	1,943,948	587,292
<b>RDL Corporation Limited</b> Recruitment consultants within the pharmaceutical, business intelligence and IT industries	250,752	-	1,190,915	204,430	1,441,667	322,033
Parsley Box Group plc(formerly Parsley Box Limited) Supplier of home delivered ambient ready meals targeting the over 60s	874,001	167,173	-	-	874,001	1,084,367
Jablite Holdings Limited (in members' voluntary liquidation) Manufacturer of expanded polystyrene products	450,900	-	47,890	65,779	498,790	65,779
Corero Network Security plc <sup>4</sup> Provider of e-business technologies	600,000	10,805	-	-	600,000	10,314
Muller EV Limited (trading as Andersen EV) (in administration) Provider of premium electric vehicle (EV) chargers	950,997	-	-	-	950,997	317,000

Additional investments	Total Valuation at 30 September 2022	Interest receivable in year	year	Unrealised gains/(losses) in year	Realised gains/(losses) in year	Net proceeds	% of equity held <sup>2,3</sup>	% of portfolio by value
£	£	£	3	3	3	3		
458,529	1,100,240	3,049	-	(694,206)	-	-	5.6%	1.5%
-	954,674	-	-	-	-	-	8.5%	1.3%
-	909,330	-	-	-	-	-	8.3%	1.2%
-	844,200	27,209	-	-	-	-	6.0%	1.2%
-	817,351	-	-	339,279	-	-	16.7%	1.1%
807,000	807,000	-	-	-	-	-	3.3%	1.1%
299,498	767,351	15,410	-	18,602	-	-	9.0%	1.1%
-	669,502	59,233	-	(309,620)	-	-	9.0%	0.9%
664,921	664,921	-	-	-	-	-	0.9%	0.9%
189,240	654,951	-	-	(41,158)	-	-	9.8%	0.9%
637,383	633,147	-	-	(4,236)	-	-	1.5%	0.9%
581,700	581,700	-	-	-	-	-	4.7%	0.8%
-	495,475	-	-	(91,817)	-	-	8.4%	0.7%
-	204,430	59,311	-	(117,603)	-	-	12.8%	0.3%
-	167,173	-	-	(917,194)	-	-	2.6%	0.2%
-	65,779	21,591	-	-	-	-	12.1%	0.1%
-	10,805	-	-	491	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
396,247	-	156	-	-	(713,247)	-	14.3%	0.0%

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<sup>3</sup> The percentage of equity held for these companies is the fully diluted figure, in the event that for example, management of the investee company exercises share options where available.

<sup>4</sup> Investment formerly managed by Foresight Group LLP up to various dates ending on or before 10 March 2009.

# **Investment Portfolio Summary**

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	Kudos Innovations Limited Online platform that provides and promotes academic research dissemination	472
	Oxonica Limited <sup>5</sup> International nanomaterials group	2,524
port	Veritek Global Holdings Limited Maintenance of imaging equipment	6
Strategic Report	BookingTek Limited Software for hotel groups	77
rateg	Racoon International Group Limited Supplier of hair extensions, hair care products and training	568
Š	NexxtDrive Limited/Nexxt E-drive Limited <sup>4</sup> Developer and exploiter of mechanical transmission technologies	48
	Biomer Technology Limited <sup>6</sup> Developer of biomaterials for medical devices	13
	Disposed in year	
	Vian Marketing Limited (trading as Red Paddle Co) Design, manufacture and sale of stand-up paddleboards and windsurfing sails	
	Media Business Insight Holdings Limited A publishing and events business focused on the creative	

	Cost at 30 September 2022 £	Valuation at 30 September 2022 £	. 2022	Valuation at 30 September 2022 £	Cost at 30 September 2022 £	Valuation at 30 September 2021 £
Kudos Innovations Limited Online platform that provides and promotes academic research dissemination	472,500	-	-	-	472,500	200,340
Oxonica Limited <sup>5</sup> International nanomaterials group	2,524,527	-	-	-	2,524,527	-
Veritek Global Holdings Limited Maintenance of imaging equipment	61,522	-	2,228,337	-	2,289,859	-
BookingTek Limited Software for hotel groups	779,155	-	-	-	779,155	-
Racoon International Group Limited Supplier of hair extensions, hair care products and training	568,664	-	87,187	-	655,851	-
NexxtDrive Limited/Nexxt E-drive Limited <sup>4</sup> Developer and exploiter of mechanical transmission technologies	487,014	-	-	-	487,014	-
Biomer Technology Limited <sup>6</sup> Developer of biomaterials for medical devices	137,170	-	-	-	137,170	-
Disposed in year						
Vian Marketing Limited (trading as Red Paddle Co) Design, manufacture and sale of stand-up paddleboards and windsurfing sails	-	-	-	-	-	4,324,963
Media Business Insight Holdings Limited A publishing and events business focused on the creative production industries	-	-	-	-	-	4,199,330
Proceeds from the companies realised in previous years	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	37,091,724	61,319,000	15,240,793	11,761,003	52,512,517	88,145,889
Portfolio split by type						
Growth focused portfolio <sup>7</sup>	30,234,927	54,091,618	9,558,650	9,558,524	39,793,577	65,067,630
MBO focused portfolio <sup>7</sup>	6,856,797	7,227,382	5,862,143	2,202,479	12,718,940	23,078,259
Total	37,091,724	61,319,000	15,420,793	11,761,003	52,512,517	88,145,889

Ordinary shares

Other investments<sup>1</sup>

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Additional investments	Total Valuation at 30 September 2022	Interest receivable in year	Dividends receivable in year	Unrealised gains/(losses) in year	Realised gains/(losses) in year	Net proceeds	% of equity held <sup>2,3</sup>	% of portfolio by value
£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
-	-	-	-	(200,340)	-	-	3.4%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.6%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.7%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.3%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5%	0.0%
-	-	6,648	-	-	1,197,680	5,522,643	14.6%	0.0%
-	-	702,807	-	-	1,824,416	6,023,746	21.2%	0.0%
-	-	-	-	-	9,993	8,257	0.0%	0.0%
7,336,441	73,080,003	1,413,351	1,164,287	(13,164,787)	2,317,106	11,554,646		100.0%
7,336,441	63,650,142	511,477	1,148,287	(3,715,719)	482,697	5,522,643		87.1%
-	9,429,861	901,875	16,000	(9,449,068)	1,834,409	6,034,003		12.9%
7,336,441	73,080,003	1,413,351	1,164,287	(13,164,787)	2,317,106	11,554,646		100.0%

### Notes

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<sup>3</sup> The percentage of equity held for these companies is the fully diluted figure, in the event that for example, management of the investee company exercises share options where available.

<sup>4</sup> Investment formerly managed by Nova Capital Management Limited until 31 August 2007.

<sup>5</sup> Investment formerly managed by Foresight Group LLP up to various dates ending on or before 10 March 2009.

<sup>6</sup> Investment formerly managed by Nova Capital Management Limited until 31 August 2007 and by Foresight Group until various dates ending on or before 10 March 2009.

<sup>7</sup> The growth focused portfolio contains all investments made after the change in the VCT regulations in 2015 plus some investments that are growth in nature made before this date. The MBO focused portfolio contains investments made prior to 2015 as part of the previous MBO strategy.

# Investment Policy

The Company's policy is to invest primarily in a diverse portfolio of UK unquoted companies.

### Asset Mix and Diversification

The Company will seek to make investments in UK unquoted companies in accordance with the requirements of prevailing VCT legislation.

Investments are made selectively across a wide variety of sectors, principally in established companies.

Investments are generally structured as part loan and part equity in order to receive regular income and to generate capital gain from realisations.

There are a number of conditions within the VCT legislation which need to be met by the Company and which may change from time to time.

## **Other Key Policies**

In addition to the Investment Policy, the Board has put in place the following policies to be applied to meet the Company's overall Objective and to cover specific areas of the Company's business.

### Cash available for investment and liquidity

The Company's cash and liquid resources are held in a range of instruments of varying maturities including liquid, low risk Money Market Funds and bank deposits, subject to the overriding criterion that the risk of loss of capital be minimised. The Company has participated in the Mobeus VCTs' fundraisings, when launched, to maintain sufficient funds to meet the day-to-day expenses of the Company, dividend distributions and purchases of the Company's own shares whilst maintaining the ability to invest in attractive opportunities.

### No single investment may represent more than 15% (by VCT tax value) of the Company's total investments at the date of investment

Save as set out above, the Company's other investments are held in cash and liquid funds.

### Liquidity

The Company's cash and liquid funds are held in a portfolio of readily realisable interest bearing investments. deposit and current accounts, of varying maturities, subject to the overriding criterion that the risk of loss of capital be minimised

### Borrowing

The Company's Articles of Association permit borrowing of up to 10% of the adjusted capital and reserves (as defined therein). However, the Company has never borrowed and the Board would only consider doing so in exceptional circumstances.

# Stakeholder Engagement and Directors' Duties

The Board has discussed the discharge of their Director's duties under Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 having regard to the factors set out under Provision 5 of the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) Code and in line with the UK Corporate Governance Code. The views of and the impact of the Company's activities on the key stakeholders are an important consideration for the Board when making relevant decisions. The Board, in normal circumstances, engages directly with stakeholder groups through either regular or annual meetings and investor presentations to assist the directors in understanding the issues to which they must have regard.

The table below sets out the interests of key stakeholders that have been considered throughout the year during the Board's discussions and in decision making.

Stakeholders	Engagement Type
Shareholders	The key mechanisms of Shareholder engagement is
	Annual General Meeting
	Annual, Interim Reports and Interim Management Statements
	Annual Investor Events
	RNS Announcements
	Website

• Offer for subscription

Further policies

In addition to the Investment Policy above and the policies on payment of dividends and share buybacks, which are discussed earlier in this Strategic Report, the Company has adopted a number of additional policies relating to:

- Environmental and social responsibility
- Global greenhouse gas emissions
- Human rights
- Diversity
- Anti-bribery
- Anti-tax evasion
- Whistleblowing
- Financial risk management

Further details of these policies are set out in the Directors' Report on pages 36 to 37.

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### Outcome

Shareholders are now able to attend the company's AGM in person which is usually held in February, There will also be a live stream providing access to view the meeting remotely, though only Shareholders physically attending will be able to formally take part in the meeting and vote on resolutions by a show of hands. Shareholders unable to attend are therefore encouraged to submit their votes on resolutions via proxy forms ahead of the meeting.

Shareholders are provided with Annual and Interim Reports in hard or soft copy according to their choice, which are also available on the Company's website. Voluntary Interim Management Statements are released in the quarters between reports to ensure that Shareholders are kept up to date with events. The website is an important source of information for Shareholders and announcements are also regularly made through the London Stock Exchange.

The Share buyback programme has continued to be offered throughout the year. This provides Shareholders with liquidity if they wish to sell their shares, at a price close to the latest announced NAV per share, the Board having considered the interests of remaining Shareholders. Further details are contained in the Chair's Statement on page 4 and in the Director's Report on page 35.

Shareholders are welcome to contact the Chair or the Investment Adviser by email as advised on page 87 of this Report

The Annual Shareholder Event was held as a virtual event and took place on 25 February 2022. A similar event is planned for March 2023.

The Company seeks to create value for Shareholders by generating good returns which are eventually distributed to Shareholders as dividends. The importance of tax-free dividends to Shareholders is recognised by the Board and considered at each Board meeting.

Following realisations and two successful fundraisings, the liquidity level of the Company has remained strong and is managed with the primary aim of preserving capital, as discussed at each Board meeting. Liquidity levels are managed after considering, inter alia, applicable annual dividend commitments as well as the provision of the buyback facility.

In maintaining the dividend policy, the Board considered the payment of dividends and the liquidity of the Company at each quarterly meeting and between meetings if necessary: and during the year the Board agreed to maintain the dividend policy by the payment of two interim dividends.

Stakeholders	Engagement Type	Outcome
		The Board, along with the three other Mobeus VCTs, launched Offers for Subscription on each of 20 January and 5 October 2022. Both Offers received applications in excess of the initial amounts and, where applicable, the over-allotment amounts. In considering Offers for Subscription for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 tax years, the Board reviewed and considered: the impact of dilution of Shareholder's holdings; the ability to adhere to the dividend policy of the Company; the effect on the Net Asset Value and the ability of the Company and its liquidity levels to be able to meet HMRC's VCT investment rules and timeline; the costs involved in issuing a prospectus and charges to Shareholders; the risk to performance and the equal treatment of investors across the four Mobeus VCTs and those investors that the Company co-invests with. In the second half of the financial year, a recruitment process commenced for a new director following the retirement of Helen Sinclair in February and the Board having consisted of only two directors until a new Non-Executive Director was appointed on 7 November 2022. The Board considered, as part of the process: diversity and inclusion; the additional skills and perspective a new director could bring to the Board; the costs of recruitment and charges to Shareholders and the improved governance of an independent director which it considered would benefit all stakeholders.
Suppliers	Including: Registrar, Broker, Auditor, Lawyer, Sponsor, Banker and the VCT Status Adviser	The Investment Adviser regularly communicates with each of the professional advisers and secures an annual confirmation of the policies they have in place. The Board review the performance of each provider on an annual basis.
Government & Regulators	The Board is committed to conducting business in line with the appropriate laws and regulation. The Income & Growth VCT plc does not provide financial contributions to political parties or lobby groups	As a UK listed company the Board and Investment Adviser comply with the Companies Act, the UKLA, HMRC, UK Accounting Standards and FCA regulatory requirements in addition to the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive, to ensure the Company can continue to trade. Non-compliance with the VCT regulations in particular is viewed as a principal risk for the Company. The Company continued to comply with these regulations throughout the year and to the date of this Report.
Investee Companies	The Investment Adviser, on behalf of the Company, provides support to the portfolio companies through continued communications, providing assistance such as the help of the Gresham House Talent Team.	The Board has delegated authority for the day-to-day management of the Company to the Investment Adviser and engages with the Investment Adviser in setting, approving and overseeing the execution of the business strategy and related policies.
		The Board aims to have a diverse mix of companies across a range of different sectors and regularly reviews the composition of the portfolio.
		The Investment Adviser reports at the Company's quarterly Board meetings on each of the portfolio companies. Members of the Investment Adviser sit on the majority of the portfolio companies' boards. This is to provide input on key matters such as advancing the shareholder value agenda, ensuring class leading corporate governance and encouraging best practice in areas such as ESG.
		Gresham House organises seminars and events that involve portfolio companies to benefit from the Gresham House network.

Stakeholders	Engagement Type	Outcome
Investment Adviser	The Investment Adviser's performance is vital for the Company to deliver its investment strategy, meeting its objectives and generating investment returns for Shareholders, and is a crucial relationship for the Board.	The Investment Adviser meets with the Board at each quarterly meeting and is in frequent contact throughout the periods in between meetings e.g. to approve investment transactions. All key strategic and operational topics are discussed in detail and a close dialogue is maintained with the Board. The Board take an active interest in the challenges faced by the portfolio companies. The Board considers each potential disposal based on the company's performance, market conditions and the offer(s) in its re-appointment is dependent on the outcome of that evaluation.

## Principal and emerging risks

The Directors acknowledge the Board's responsibilities for the Company's internal control systems and have instigated systems and procedures for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Company. This includes a key risk management review which takes place at each quarterly Board meeting. The principal and emerging risks identified by the Board, a description of the possible consequences of each risk and how the Board manages the risk are set out below.

The risk profile of the Company changed as a consequence of the VCT regulations introduced in 2015. As the Company is required to focus its investment on growth capital investments in younger companies it is anticipated that investment returns will be more volatile and will have a higher risk profile. The Board remains confident that the Company and the Investment Adviser will continue to adapt to changes in investment requirements and put in place appropriate resource to identify and make suitable investments as has been experienced in the year under review.

The Board regularly sets and reviews policies for financial risk management and full details of these can be found in Note 16 to the Financial Statements on pages 68 to 75. There have been no changes to the principal or emerging risks of the Company during the year as listed below:

Risk	Possible consequence	How the Board manages risk
Investment and liquidity	Investment in VCT qualifying earlier stage unquoted small companies involves a higher degree of risk than investment in fully listed companies. Smaller companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be dependent for their management on a smaller number of key Individuals. External events or factors may have more impact as are outside of their control. As the securities of such smaller companies held by the Company are unquoted, they are less liquid, which may cause difficulties in valuing and realising these securities.	<ul> <li>The Board regularly reviews the Company's Strategy including its Investment Policy.</li> <li>Careful selection, appropriate due diligence and review of the diverse portfolio takes place on a regular basis.</li> <li>The Board seeks to ensure the Company has an adequate level of liquidity at all times through review at each board meeting.</li> <li>A member of the Investment Adviser is usually appointed to the board of an investee company and regular monitoring reports are assessed by the Investment Adviser.</li> <li>Support provided to the portfolio companies is ongoing.</li> </ul>
Loss of approval as a Venture Capital Trust	A breach of the VCT Tax Rules may lead to the Company losing its approval as a VCT, which would result in qualifying Shareholders who have not held their shares for the designated period having to repay the income tax relief they obtained plus future dividends paid by the Company would be subject to taxation. The Company would also lose its exemption from corporation tax on capital gains.	<ul> <li>The Company's VCT qualifying status is continually reviewed by the Board and the Investment Adviser and is reported to each Board meeting.</li> <li>The Board receives regular reports from its VCT Status Adviser, Philip Hare &amp; Associates LLP who have been retained by the Board to monitor the Company's compliance with the VCT Rules.</li> </ul>

Risk	Possible consequence	How the Board manages risk
Economic, political and other external risks	Events such as the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of Brexit, an economic recession, supply shortages or a movement in sterling or interest rates could affect trading conditions for smaller companies and consequently the value of the Company's qualifying investments. Movements in UK Stock Market indices may affect the valuation of the Company's investments, as well as affecting the Company's own share price and its discount to net asset value.	<ul> <li>The Board monitors:         <ul> <li>(1) the portfolio as a whole to ensure that the Company invests in a diversified portfolio of companies as protection from large impacts;</li> <li>(2) developments in the macro-economic environment such as movements in interest rates or general fluctuations in stock markets; and</li> <li>(3) the Investment Adviser continues to hold ongoing discussions with all the portfolio companies to ascertain where support is required as well as monitoring which investee companies are able to receive further VCT funding within the guidelines set out by HMRC. The interpretation of such guidelines by HMRC can change over time, which the Company's VCT status adviser monitors as well as making representations, as needed, to policy makers on behalf of the Company and the VCT Industry as a whole. Cash comprises a significant proportion of net assets of the Company, further to the successful exits and the fund-raises in the year giving the Company a strong liquidity position. The portfolio has assets across a range of sectors limiting the exposure to one area of the economy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Financial and operating	Failure of the systems (including breaches of cyber security) at any of the third party service providers that the Company has contracted with could lead to inaccurate reporting or monitoring. Inadequate controls could lead to the misappropriation or insecurity of assets. Outsourcing and the increase in remote working could give rise to cyber and data security risk and internal control risk.	<ul> <li>The Board carries out a bi-annual review of the financial and non-financial internal controls in place, reviews the risks facing the Company at Board meetings and receives reports by exception.</li> <li>The performance of the service providers is reviewed annually and assurances that each provider has controls in place to reduce the risk of breaches of their cyber security are obtained.</li> </ul>
Market liquidity	Shareholders may find it difficult to sell their shares at a price which is close to the net asset value.	• The Board has a share buyback policy which seeks to mitigate market liquidity risk for Shareholders. This policy is reviewed at each quarterly Board meeting.
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Emerging Risk	Non-compliance with current and future reporting requirements could lead to a fall in demand from investors. That may affect the level of capital the Company has available to meet its investment objectives.	<ul> <li>ESG and climate change impacts are also taken into account when considering new investment proposals. The Investment Adviser monitors the potential impact on investee companies of any proposed new legislation regarding environmental, social and governance matters and advises and adapts accordingly.</li> <li>The Board recognises that climate change is an important emerging risk that the Company is taking into account in their strategic planning although the Company itself has little direct impact on environmental issues. Measures had been introduced to decrease the amount of travel Undertaken by holding more virtual meetings, increased working from home and to reduce the cost and environmental impact of providing paper copies of Shareholder correspondence.</li> </ul>

## Going concern and Viability of the Company

The Board has assessed the Company's operation as a going concern. The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out earlier in this Strategic Report. The Directors have satisfied themselves that the Company continues to maintain a sufficient cash position to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The majority of companies in the portfolio are well funded and the portfolio taken as a whole remains resilient and well diversified, although the impact of the cost of living crisis and the challenging economic environment may impose further considerable demands upon the liquidity and trading prospects of some of these companies in the nearterm. In light of this, and in keeping with the ongoing need to take advantage of opportunities for further investment within the portfolio, the Company announced its intention to raise further funds in the 2021/22 and again for the 2022/23 tax year, with both offers reaching full subscription. The major cash outflows of the Company (namely investments, share buybacks and dividends) are within the Company's control. The Board's assessment of liquidity risk and details of the Company's policies for managing its capital and financial risks are shown in Notes 16 and 17 to the Financial Statements. Furthermore, the Directors have considered whether there are any material uncertainties that the Company may face during the twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements that may impact on its ability to operate as a going concern. No further material uncertainties have been identified by the Board.

### Viability Statement

The UK Corporate Governance Code includes a requirement for companies to include a "Viability Statement" in the Annual Report addressed to Shareholders with the intention of providing an improved and broader assessment of long term solvency and liquidity. The Code does not define "long term" but expects the period to be longer than twelve months with individual companies choosing a period appropriate to the nature of their own businesses. The Directors have chosen a period of three years, as explained further below.

The Directors have carried out a robust assessment of the Company's emerging and principal risks and the disclosures in the annual report that describe the principal risks and the procedures in place to identify emerging risks and explain how they are being managed or mitigated. Subsequent to this review, they have a reasonable expectation that the Company will continue to operate and meet its liabilities as they fall due, for the next three years. The Directors believe a three-year period is appropriate given the frequency with which it is necessary to review and assess the impact of past current and proposed regulatory changes. The Directors' assessment has been made with reference to the Company's current position and prospects, the Company's present strategy, the Board's risk appetite and the Company's principal risks and how these are managed, as described on pages 31 to 32. The Board is mindful of the risks contained therein but considers that its actions to manage those risks provide reasonable assurance that the Company's affairs are safeguarded for the stated period.

The Directors have reached this conclusion after giving careful consideration to the Company's strategy. They believe the Company's current strategy of "maximising the stream of tax-free dividend distributions from the income and capital gains from a diverse and carefully selected portfolio of investments" remains valid. The Board has focused upon the range of future investments that the Company will be permitted to fund under current VCT legislation.

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The Board expects that positive returns should continue to be achievable from future investments and from the existing portfolio. The Company has made 31 new investments in compliance with the VCT rules introduced in 2015 and its revised Investment Policy, and the Investment Adviser continues to build a healthy pipeline of such investment opportunities. The Board will continue to monitor this assumption on a regular basis and is encouraged, in the current circumstances, by the returns generated from some of these investments to date.

Shareholders should be aware that, under the Company's Articles of Association, it is required to hold a continuation vote at the next AGM falling after the fifth anniversary of last allotting shares. As shares were last allotted in November 2022, this factor has not affected the Board's assumptions for the next three years.

### Future Prospects

For a discussion of the Company's future prospects, please see the Chair's Statement on pages 2 to 4.

By Order of the Board

Maurice Helfgott Chair

16 December 2022

# **Directors' Report**

# **Board of Directors**

### **Maurice Helfgott**

Independent, Non-Executive Chair

Date of appointment: 12 February 2020.

Qualifications: BA Econ (Hons) MBA Harvard

Experience: Maurice has extensive experience as a Chair and Independent Non-Executive Director with a proven track record in entrepreneurial, growth and established businesses across a wide range of companies. After a successful 16-year corporate career at Marks and Spencer plc, he left his role as Executive Director on the Main Board to found Amery Capital with a principal focus on investment and advisory work in digital, retail and consumer businesses. He has an MBA from Harvard Business His current appointments include Chair of ME+EM and Oliver Sweeney, Independent Director at Hakim Group and Executive Chair at Amery Capital Limited.

### Justin Ward Independent, Non-Executive Director

Date of appointment: 12 November 2019.

Qualifications: BSc, ACA

Experience: Justin is a qualified Chartered Accountant with extensive financial, investing and private equity experience across a number of sectors. Between 1995 and 2010 he worked for CVC Capital Partners, Hermes Private Equity and Bridgepoint Development Capital leading growth equity and private equity buyout transactions and has subsequently made a number of angel investments in technology businesses. Justin has served on the board of a number of private companies as non-executive director and is currently non-executive Director at School Explained Limited. He is also a Non-Executive Director on the board of Hargreave Hale AIM VCT plc and Chair of the Audit Committee.

### Nemone Wynn-Evans Independent, Non-Executive Director

Date of appointment: 7 November 2022.

Qualifications: MA, MBA, Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment

Experience: Nemone's background is in the equity capital markets sector of the City of London, including as Finance Director on the main board of a stock exchange. She has an MA from the University of Oxford and an MBA from Cranfield School of Management. Having begun her career in corporate finance at KPMG and HSBC, Nemone is currently Chair of Shepherds Friendly Society, Chair of Audit and Risk at Good Energy Group plc, and Non-Executive Director of Hinckley & Rugby Building Society, where she also chairs the Nominations Committee. She is also a Board Advisor at SORBUS Partners LLP.

## The Directors present the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The Corporate Governance Statement on pages 39 to 41, including the Report of the Audit Committee on pages 41 to 42, form part of this Directors' Report.

The Board believes that the Annual Report and Financial Statements taken as a whole is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for Shareholders to assess the Company's position, performance, business model and strateav.

The principal activity of the Company is to operate as a Venture Capital Trust. making investments in the equity and loan stock of primarily unquoted companies, in compliance with VCT legislation.

The Company is registered in England and Wales as a Public Limited Company (registration number 4069483).

The Company has satisfied the requirements for full approval as a Venture Capital Trust under section 274 of the Income Tax Act 2007 ("the ITA"). It is the Directors' intention to continue to manage the Company's affairs in such a manner as to comply with section 274 of the ITA

To enable capital profits to be distributed by way of dividends, the Company revoked its status as an investment company as defined in section 833 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Companies Act") on 30 November 2005. The Company does not intend to re-apply for such status.

### Share capital

The Company's ordinary shares of 1.00 penny each, formerly 'S' Shares, are listed on the London Stock Exchange ("LSE"). The shares were first admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority ("UKLA") and to trading on the LSE on 8 February 2008. Following the merger of the former classes of 'O' Shares (first admitted to the Official List of the UKLA and to trading on 15 November 2000) and 'S' Shares on 29 March 2010 ("the Merger"), the listing of the 'S' Shares was amended to ordinary shares of 1p in the capital of the Company on 30 March 2010 and the 'O' Share listing was cancelled.

The issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2022 was £1,294,819 (2021: £1,185,549) and the number of shares in issue at this date was 129,481,901 (2021: 118,554,881).

### **Buyback of shares**

The following disclosure is made in accordance with Part 6 of Schedule 7 of The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended in 2013).

The reason the Company makes market purchases of its own shares is to enhance the liquidity of the Company's shares and to seek to manage the level and volatility of the discount of Net Asset Value at which the Company's shares may trade.

At the Annual General meeting of the Company held on 23 February 2022. Shareholders granted the Company authority, pursuant to section 701 of the Companies Act 2006, to make market purchases of up to 17,771,376 of its own shares, representing 14.99% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of the publication of the notice of the Company's 2022 Annual General Meeting, Such authority has been in place throughout the year under review and a resolution to renew this authority will be proposed to Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 22 February 2023.

During the year under review, the Company bought back 1.166.089 (2021: 1,285,499) of its own shares at an average price of 88.45 pence (2021: 81.75 pence) per share and a total cost of £1,031,358 including expenses (2021: £1,050,945). All shares bought back by the Company were subsequently cancelled.

### Substantial interests

As at the date of this Report, the Company had not been notified of any beneficial interest exceeding 3% of the issued share capital

### Dividend

On 8 July 2022, the Company paid an interim dividend in respect of the year under review of 4.00 pence per share to Shareholders. The Company declared a second interim dividend of 4.00 pence per share which was paid on 7 November 2022. The Company has met its annual divided target of paving not less than 6.00 pence per share. The Directors are not proposing to pay a final

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dividend in respect of the year ended 30 September 2022.

### Directors

During the year the Board consisted of three Non-Executive Directors until 23 February 2022 when Helen Sinclair retired from the Board which then consisted of two directors whilst considering changes to its composition. Nemone Wynn-Evans was appointed to the Board and its committees on 7 November 2022 as a non-executive director. Maurice Helfgott remains the Chair of the Board, Justin Ward remains Chair of the Audit Committee until 1 January 2023 when Nemone will take over the role. Justin will remain Chair of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Investment Committee

The names of and brief biographical details on each of the Directors as at the date of this Report are given on page 34

### Disclosure of information to the Auditor

So far as the Directors in office at the date of publication of this Report are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Auditor is unaware. They have individually taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditor is aware of that information.

### Directors' indemnity

The Directors have individually entered into Deeds of Indemnity with the Company which indemnifies each Director, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and the limitations set out in each deed, against any liability arising out of any claim made against him or her in relation to the performance of their duties as Directors of the Company. Copies of each Deed of Indemnity entered into by the Company for the Directors are available at the registered office of the Company.

### **Directors' and Officers' Liability** Insurance

The Company maintains a Directors' and Officers' liability insurance policy. The policy does not provide cover for fraudulent or dishonest actions by the Directors.

# **Directors' Report**

### Articles of Association ("Articles")

The Company may amend its Articles by special resolution in accordance with section 21 of the Companies Act 2006. The Articles were last amended at the February 2021 AGM.

### Post balance sheet events

For a full list of post balance sheet events that have occurred since 30 September 2022, please see Note 19 to the Financial Statements on page 76.

### Social and environmental policies

The Board recognises its obligations under Section 414c of the Companies Act to provide information in this respect about environmental matters (including the impact of the Company's business on the environment), human rights and social and community issues, including information about any policies the Company has in relation to these matters and the effectiveness of these policies.

When seeking new investment opportunities, the Investment Adviser operates with a list of exclusions which preclude it from investing in any businesses operating in areas perceived to be unsustainable or detrimental to wider society, or any businesses that have committed purposeful breaches of regulation or have engaged in unlawful activity. Each potential new investment was subject to a comprehensive due diligence process encompassing commercial, financial and ESG principles. This process helped in the formulation and agreement of strategic objectives at the stage of business planning and investment.

The Investment Adviser has continued to work closely with each portfolio company board to support them in addressing their particular ESG challenges and opportunities, which are diverse across the entire portfolio. Gresham House is a market leader with knowledge and expertise in sustainability.

The Company does not have any employees or offices and the Board therefore believes that there is limited scope for developing environmental, social or community policies. The Company has however, adopted electronic communications for Shareholders as a means of reducing the volume of paper that the Company uses to produce its reports and in its interactions with Shareholders. It uses mixed sources paper from well-managed forests as endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council for the printing of its circulars and Annual and Half-Year reports. The Investment Adviser is conscious of the need to reduce its impact on the environment and has taken a number of initiatives in its offices including recycling and the reduction of

its energy consumption.

### Global greenhouse gas emissions

The Company has no greenhouse gas emissions to report from its operations, nor does it have responsibility for any other emissions producing sources under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Reports) Regulations 2013, (including those within the Company's underlying investment portfolio).

### Human rights

The Board seeks to conduct the Company's affairs responsibly and gives full consideration to the human rights implications of its decisions, particularly with regard to investment decisions.

### Diversitv

The Directors have considered diversity in relation to the composition of the Board and have concluded that its membership is diverse in relation to gender and breadth of experience.

During the year under review, the Board comprised of two men and one woman until Helen's retirement in February 2022 and from that date to the year-end the Board consisted of two men. The Company does not have any senior managers or employees. The Board has made a commitment to consider diversity in making future appointments. A female director was appointed after the year end.

The Board believes that diversity of experience and approach amongst board members is of great importance. Before any appointment is made by the Board, the Remuneration & Nomination Committee shall evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience, and consider candidates on merit, against objective criteria, and with due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.

Diversity includes and makes good use of differences in knowledge and understanding of relevant diverse geographies, peoples and their backgrounds including race or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender, age. disability, or religion. This was considered as part of the recruitment process carried out post the year-end.

### Anti-bribery

The Company has adopted a zero tolerance approach to bribery. The following is a summary of the Company's policy:

- It is the Company's policy to conduct all of its business in an honest and ethical manner. The Company is committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all its business dealings and relationships where it operates.
- Directors and service providers must not promise, offer, give, request, agree to receive or accept a financial or other advantage in return for favourable treatment, to influence a business outcome or to gain any other business advantage on behalf of themselves or of the Company or encourage others to do so.
- The Company has communicated its Anti-Bribery Policy to each of its service providers. It requires each of its service providers to have policies in place which reflect the key principles of this policy and procedures and which demonstrate that they have adopted procedures of an equivalent standard to those instituted by the Company. This is checked annually.

### Anti-tax evasion

The Company has adopted a zero tolerance approach to tax evasion in compliance with the Criminal Finance Act 2017 and the corporate criminal offence of failing to take reasonable steps to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion. The Company has applied due diligence procedures, taking an appropriate risk based approach, in respect of persons who perform or will perform services on behalf of the Company, in order to mitigate identified risks.

### Whistleblowing

The Board has considered the recommendation made in the UK Corporate Governance Code with regard to a policy on whistleblowing and has reviewed the arrangements at the Investment Adviser under which its staff may, in confidence, raise concerns. It has concluded that adequate arrangements are in place at the Investment Adviser for the proportionate and independent investigation of such matters and, where necessary, for appropriate follow-up action to be taken by the Investment Adviser. The Board has also asked each of its service providers to confirm that they have a suitable whistleblowing policy in place.

### Financial risk management

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are due to fluctuations in the market price, investment risk, liquidity risk, interest rates and credit risk. The Board regularly reviews and agrees policies for managing these risks and full details can be found in Note 16 to the Financial Statements on pages 68 to 75 of this Annual Report.

### Annual General Meeting

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Company, to be held at the offices of Shakespeare Martineau LLP at 11.00 am on 22 February 2023 at 6th Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0HR, is set out on pages 84 to 86 of this Annual Report.

A webcast of the Annual General Meeting will also be available and details of how to ioin the webcast will be shown on the Company's website. If possible, Shareholders intending to join the Meeting by means of the webcast (which would be as an attendee only) are requested to join at least ten minutes prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting at 11.00am on Wednesday, 22 February 2023. Where a member intends to join the Annual General Meeting by means of the webcast, they shall be permitted to ask questions at the Annual General Meeting but shall not be entitled to vote on resolutions at the Annual General Meeting (and are, therefore, encouraged to lodge their proxy vote and appoint the chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy).

A proxy form for the meeting is enclosed separately with Shareholders' copies of this Annual Report. Proxy votes may be submitted electronically via the Link Group Shareholder Portal at www.signalshares.com. Shareholders

may also request a hard copy proxy form by contacting the Company's Registrar Link using their details as stated on page 87.

Resolutions 1 to 8 are being proposed as ordinary resolutions requiring more than 50% of the votes cast at the meeting to be in favour, whilst resolutions 9 and 10 will be proposed as special resolutions requiring the approval of at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting.

The following is an explanation of the main business to be proposed at the meeting:

### Resolution 1 - To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Directors are required to present the Financial Statements, Directors' Report

and Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 30 September 2022 to the meetina

### Resolution 2 – To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report

Under section 420 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), the Directors must prepare an annual report detailing the remuneration of the Directors and a statement by the chair of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee (together the "Directors' Remuneration Report). The Act also requires that a resolution be put to Shareholders each year for their approval of that report. The Directors' Remuneration Report can be found on pages 43 to 45 of this Annual Report. Resolution 2 is an advisory vote only.

### Resolution 3 – To approve the **Company's Remuneration Policy**

The Company is required to put its Remuneration Policy to Shareholders every three years. A resolution on the Remuneration Policy was last voted on at the Annual General Meeting held on 12 February 2020 and therefore a similar resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting. The Remuneration Policy is set out below and full details of Directors' remuneration can be found in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 43 to 45 of this Annual Report.

### **Remuneration Policy**

To ensure that the levels of remuneration are sufficient to attract. retain and motivate directors of the quality required to manage the Company in order to achieve the Company's Objective.

### Resolutions 4 to 6 - To re-elect and elect the Directors

The Company's Articles of Association require that each Director appointed to the Board shall retire and seek election at their first AGM following appointment and every three years thereafter. In terms of overall length of tenure, the AIC Code does not explicitly make recommendations on tenure for directors. The Board does not believe that a Director should be appointed for a specified term.

The Board had previously agreed that each Director would retire and offer themselves for re-election annually after serving on the Board for more than nine years. However, following the publication of the new AIC Code in February 2019, the Board agreed to follow the recommendation of Provision

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23, namely that all Directors be subject to annual re-election.

### Maurice Helfgott

Independent non-executive Chair

Maurice was appointed to the Board in February 2020, and under the Articles is seeking re-election at this Annual General Meeting. The remaining Directors believe that Maurice is well positioned to make a substantial contribution to the Company's long-term sustainable success in his capacity as Chair of the Board during the year under review and have no hesitation in recommending his re-election to Shareholders.

### Justin Ward

### Independent non-executive director

Justin was appointed to the Board on 12 November 2019 and under the Articles is seeking re-election at this Annual General Meeting. Following an evaluation of Justin's performance over the year, the remaining Board Directors agree that he has made a very positive contribution to the Company and they have no hesitation in recommending his re-election to Shareholders.

### Nemone Wynn-Evans

Independent non-executive director

Nemone was appointed to the Board on 7 November 2022 and under the Articles is seeking election at this, the first Annual General Meeting since her appointment to the Board. Nemone has extensive experience and we are confident that she will make a very positive contribution to the Company. Nemone will take over as Chair of the Audit Committee on 1 January 2023. The Directors have no hesitation in recommending her election to Shareholders.

Full biographies of the Directors seeking re-election are set out on page 34 of this Annual Report.

Resolution 7 – To reappoint BDO LLP as auditor of the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine the remuneration of the auditor

At each meeting at which the Company's accounts are presented to its members, the Company is required to appoint an auditor to serve until the next such meeting. The Board, on the

recommendation of the Audit Committee, recommends the reappointment of BDO LLP. This resolution also gives authority to the Directors to determine the remuneration of the auditor. For further information, please see the report of the Audit Committee on pages 41 to 42 of the Annual Report.

### Resolution 8 – Authority for the Directors to allot shares in the Company and Resolution 9 -Authority for the Directors to disapply the pre-emption rights of members

These two resolutions grant the Directors the authority to allot shares for cash to a limited and defined extent otherwise than pro rata to existing Shareholders

Resolution 8 will enable the Directors to allot new shares up to an aggregate nominal value of £491,066 representing approximately one-third of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the notice convening the Annual General Meeting

Under section 561(1) of the Act, if the Directors wish to allot new shares or sell or transfer treasury shares for cash they must first offer such shares to existing Shareholders in proportion to their current holdings (pre-emption rights). It is proposed by Resolution 9 to sanction the disapplication of such pre-emption rights in respect of the allotment of equity securities:

- (i) with an aggregate nominal value of up to £79,660 (representing approximately 5% of the existing issued share capital as at the date of the notice convening the Annual General Meeting) in connection with offer(s) for subscription;
- (ii) with an aggregate nominal value of up to, but not exceeding, 10% of the issued share capital from time to time pursuant to any dividend investment scheme operated by the Company, at a subscription price per Share which may be less than the net asset value per Share, as may be prescribed by the scheme terms; and
- (iii) otherwise than pursuant to (i) or (ii) above, with an aggregate nominal value of up to, but not exceeding. 5% of the issued share capital from time to time.

in each case where the proceeds may be used in whole or part to purchase the Company's shares in the market.

The Company normally allots shares at

prices based on prevailing net asset value per share of the existing shares on the date of allotment (plus costs, save in relation to the dividend investment scheme). The Directors thus, seek to manage any potential dilution of existing Shareholders as a result of the disapplication of Shareholders' pre-emption rights proposed in

The Company does not currently hold any shares as treasury shares.

Resolution 9.

### Both of these authorities, unless previously renewed, varied or revoked, will expire on the date falling fifteen months after the passing of the relevant resolution or, if earlier, on the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2024. However, the Directors may allot securities after the expiry dates specified above in pursuance of offers or agreements made prior to the expiration of these authorities. Both resolutions renew previous general authorities approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 23 February 2022 and are in addition to the existing authorities of the Company obtained at the general meeting of the Company on 12 October 2022

### Authority to purchase the Company's own shares (Resolution 10)

This resolution authorises the Company to purchase its own shares pursuant to section 701 of the Act. The authority is limited to the purchase of an aggregate of 22,083,241 shares representing approximately 14.99% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the notice convening the Annual General Meeting or, if lower, such number of shares (rounded down to the nearest whole share) as shall equal 14.99% of the issued share capital at the date the resolution is passed. The maximum price that may be paid for a share will be the higher of (i) an amount that is not more than 5% above the average of the middle market quotations of the shares as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange for the five business days preceding the date such shares are contracted to be purchased and (ii) the price stipulated by Article 5(6) of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) 596/2014 (as such Regulation forms part of UK law and as amended). The minimum price that may be paid for a share is 1 penny. being the nominal value thereof.

Market liquidity in VCTs is normally very restricted. The passing of this resolution will enable the Company to purchase its

own shares thereby providing a mechanism by which the Company may enhance the liquidity of its shares for the benefit of Shareholders and seek to manage the level and volatility of the discount to NAV at which its shares may trade

It is the Directors' intention to cancel any shares bought back under this authority. Shareholders should note that the Directors do not intend to exercise this authority unless they believe to do so would result in an increase in net assets per share which would be in the interests of Shareholders generally. This resolution will expire on the date falling fifteen months after the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, on the conclusion of the Company's Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2024 except that the Company may purchase its own shares after this date in pursuance of a contract or contracts made prior to the expiration of this authority.

### Recommendation

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the resolutions being proposed at the Annual General Meeting. The Directors intend to do so in respect to their own beneficial holdings of 167.855 representing 0.11% of the issued share capital as at 15 December 2022.

### Voting rights of Shareholders

At general meetings of the Company, Shareholders have one vote on a show of hands and one vote per share held on a poll. No member shall be entitled to vote or exercise any rights at a general meeting unless all their shares have been paid up in full. Any instrument of proxy must be deposited at the place specified by the Directors no later than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting

There are no restrictions on voting rights and no agreements between holders of securities that may prevent or restrict the transfer of securities or voting rights.

By order of the Board

### Gresham House Asset Management Limited

Company Secretary

16 December 2022

# **Corporate Governance Statement**

This Corporate Governance Statement forms part of the Directors' Report.

The Directors adopted the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) Code of Corporate Governance 2019 (the "AIC Code") for the financial year ended 30 September 2022.

During the year under review, the Board considered the principles and recommendations of the AIC Code by reference to the AIC Corporate Governance Guide for investment companies ("AIC Guide"). As well as setting out the principles of the AIC Code, the AIC Guide provides an overview of best practice with reference to the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "UK Code") and considers how each of the UK Code's Principles applies to Investment Companies The AIC Code also included additional Principles and recommendations on issues that are of specific relevance to the Company as an investment company. The Board therefore considers that reporting against the AIC Code provides more relevant information to Shareholders

The FRC has confirmed that, in adopting the AIC Code, the Company will meet its obligations in relation to the reporting requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Listing and Disclosure and Transparency Rules on corporate dovernance.

The AIC Code can be viewed on the AIC's website by going to the following link: https://www.theaic.co.uk/aic-codeof-corporate-governance.

### Statement of compliance

This statement has been compiled in accordance with the FCA's Disclosure and Transparency Rule (DTR) 7.2 on Corporate Governance Statements.

The Board considers that the Company has complied with the recommendations of the AIC Code and the relevant provisions of the UK Code throughout the year under review. A table providing further explanations of how the Company has complied with the AIC Code during the year is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website:

www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk.

As an externally managed VCT, most of the Company's operations are delegated to third parties and the Company has no executive directors, employees or internal operations. The Board has therefore concluded, for the reasons set out in the AIC Guide, and as explained in the UK Code that the specific provisions of the UK Code that relate to the requirement for an internal

audit function, the role of the chief executive and executive directors' pay are not relevant to the Company. The Company has therefore not reported further in respect of these Provisions.

### Internal control

The Board acknowledges that it is responsible for the Company's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. Internal control systems are designed to manage the particular needs of the Company and the risks to which it is exposed and can, by their nature, only provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Company's internal control system aims to ensure the maintenance of proper accounting records, the reliability of the financial information used for publication and upon which business decisions are made, and that the assets of the Company are safeguarded. The financial controls operated by the Board include regular reviews of signing authorities, guarterly management accounts and the processes by which investments in the portfolio are valued.

The Board has put in place ongoing procedures for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Company. As part of this process a bi-annual review of the control systems is carried out. The review covers a consideration of the key business, operational, compliance and financial risks facing the Company and includes a review of the risks in relation to the financial reporting process. The Board reviews recommendations from the Audit Committee in respect of the key risks discussed at each of their regularly scheduled meetings

The Board has delegated, contractually to third parties, the management of the investment portfolio, the day-to-day accounting, company secretarial and administration requirements and the registration services. Each of these contracts was entered into after full and proper consideration by the Board of the quality and cost of services offered, including the financial control systems in operation at the service providers in so far as they relate to the affairs of the Company. The Board regularly monitors these contracts from a risk perspective and receives reports from the Registrar and Investment Adviser and Administrator when appropriate.

The Board, assisted by the Audit Committee, carries out separate assessments in respect of the Annual and Half-Year reports and other published financial information. As part

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of these reviews, the Board appraises all the relevant risks ensuing from the internal control process referred to above. The main aspects of the internal controls which have been in place throughout the year in relation to financial reporting are as follows:

- Internal controls are in place for the preparation and reconciliation of the valuations prepared by the Investment Adviser
- Independent reviews of the valuations of investments within the portfolio are undertaken guarterly by the Board.
- The information contained in the Annual Report and other financial reports is reviewed separately by the Audit Committee prior to consideration by the Board.
- The Board reviews all financial information prior to publication.

The internal control system and the procedure for its review has been in place and operational throughout the year under review and up to the date of this Report. The Audit Committee and the Board last carried out an assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls in managing risk on 1 December 2022. The Board has identified no significant problems with the Company's internal control system.

### Investment management and service providers

Gresham House acted as Investment Adviser throughout the year under review and provided administrative and company secretarial services to the Company to the Company's financial vear-end and continues to do so. The Directors carry out an annual review of the performance of and contractual arrangements with the Investment Adviser. The annual review of the Investment Adviser forms part of the Board's overall internal control procedures discussed above. As part of this review, the Board considers the quality and continuity of the investment management team, investment performance, quality of information provided to the Board, remuneration of the Investment Adviser, the investment process and the results achieved to date. A review of the performance of the Company is included in the Strategic Report on pages 7 to 10. The Board concluded that the Investment Adviser had performed consistently well over the medium-term despite having returned a negative return in respect of the year under review. The Company's investment portfolio trading performance has been resilient to the

# **Report of the Audit Committee**

year-end and the Investment Adviser has been proactive in supporting the portfolio in the face of rising inflation and political uncertainty.

The Board places significant emphasis on the Company's performance against its peers and further information on this has been included in the Strategic Report on page 9. The Board further considered the Investment Adviser's commitment to the promotion of the Company and was satisfied that this was highly prioritised by the Investment Adviser as evidenced by, inter alia, the Mobeus VCT fundraisings which have taken place between 2010 and 2022 and annual Shareholder events.

The Board considers that the Investment Adviser continued to exercise independent judgement while producing valuations which reflect fair value.

Overall, the Board continues to believe that the Investment Adviser possesses the experience, knowledge and resources that are required to support the Board in achieving the Company's long term investment objectives. The Directors therefore believe that the continued appointment of the Investment Adviser to the Company on the terms currently agreed is in the interests of Shareholders, and this was formally approved by the Board on 14 September 2022.

The principal terms of the Company's Investment Advisory Agreement dated 29 March 2010, amended and restated on 30 September 2021, and its Performance Incentive Fee Agreement dated 30 September 2014, as novated to Gresham House effective on 30 September 2021, are set out in Note 4 to the Financial Statements on pages 58 to 59 of this Annual Report. The Board seeks to ensure that the terms of these agreements represent an appropriate balance between cost and the incentivisation of the Investment Adviser.

### Investment Adviser fees

The fees paid to the Investment Adviser and the performance incentive fees paid are set out in Note 4 to the Financial Statements on pages 58 to 59.

In addition, the Investment Adviser received fees totaling £492,785 (2021: £471,831) during the year ended 30 September 2022, being £176,750 (2021: £176,421) for arrangement fees, and £316,035 (2021: £295,410) for acting as non-executive directors on a number of investee company boards. These amounts are the share of such fees attributable to investments made by the Company.

### Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("AIFM")

The Board appointed the Company as its own AIFM in compliance with the European Commission's Alternative Investment Fund Management Directive with effect from 22 July 2014. The Company is registered as a small AIFM. and is therefore exempt from the principal requirements of the Directive Gresham House has provided investment advisory and administrative services to the Company throughout the year under review. In order for the Company to continue to discharge its safekeeping responsibilities for the documents of title to its investments, a Safekeeping Agreement has been entered into with Apex Fund and Corporate Services (Guernsey) Limited.

### The Board and its Committees

The powers of the Directors have been granted by company law, the Company's Articles of Association and resolutions passed by the Company's Shareholders in general meeting. Resolutions are proposed annually at each Annual General Meeting of the Company to authorise the Directors to allot shares. disapply the pre-emption rights of Shareholders and buyback the Company's own shares on behalf of the Company. These authorities are currently in place and resolutions to renew them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 22 February 2023.

In regard to the Chair of the Board's tenure, the length of service of all directors is considered on an ongoing basis, with the Nomination & Remuneration Committee giving consideration to succession and composition at its meeting, held on 14 September 2022, in compliance with the AIC Code of Corporate Governance guidance. Maurice Helfgott became the Chair of the Company in July 2020 and will stand for re-election at the forthcoming AGM with all the directors standing for re-election annually.

The Board has agreed a schedule of matters specifically reserved for decision by the Board. These include compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Income Tax Act 2007, the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange; strategy and management of the Company; changes relating to the Company's capital structure or its status as a plc; financial reporting and controls; Board and committee appointments as recommended by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and terms of

reference of committees; material contracts of the Company and contracts of the Company not in the ordinary course of business.

Each year a formal performance evaluation is undertaken of the Board as a whole, its Committees and each of the directors. A summary of the findings are submitted to the Board, which are discussed and an action plan agreed if appropriate. There were no issues requiring action in the year. The performance of the Chair was evaluated by the other Director.

The Board has established three Committees, the Investment Committee, the Audit Committee and the Nomination & Remuneration Committee each with responsibilities for specific areas of its activity. The Board has satisfied itself that each of its Committees has sufficient resources to undertake its duties. Each of the Committees has written terms of reference, which detail their authority and duties. Shareholders may obtain copies of these by making a written request to the Company Secretary or by downloading these documents from the Company's website:

www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk

Full descriptions of the work of the Audit and Nomination & Remuneration Committees are set out in the Report of the Audit Committee and the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 41 to 42 and 43 to 45 respectively.

### Investment Committee

The Investment Committee has been chaired by Justin Ward since the retirement of Helen Sinclair which during the year, comprised all of the Directors. The Committee meets as necessary to consider the investment proposals put forward by the Investment Adviser. The Committee advises the Board on the development and implementation of the Investment Policy and leads the process for the ongoing monitoring of investee companies and the Company's investment therein. Investment guidelines have been issued to the Investment Adviser and the Committee ensures that these guidelines are adhered to. New investments and divestments are approved on recommendation of the Committee following discussion between Committee members and are subsequently ratified by the Board.

Investment matters are discussed extensively at Board meetings. During the year, the Committee formally approved investment, divestment and variation decisions, and met informally on numerous occasions and formally at least once a year.

The Committee considers and agrees, on the advice of the Investment Adviser and under the guidance of the Audit Committee, all unquoted investment valuations for recommendation to the Board. Investments are valued in accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital (IPEV) Valuation Guidelines under which investments are valued at fair value as defined in those guidelines. Any AIM or other quoted investment will be valued at the closing bid price of its shares as at the relevant reporting date, in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. For further information on the Company's investment portfolio, please see pages 11 to 27 of the Strategic Report.

By order of the Board

### **Gresham House Asset Management** Limited Company Secretary

16 December 2022

## This Report of the Audit Committee forms part of the Directors' Report.

The Audit Committee ("Committee") will be chaired by Justin Ward until 1 January 2023 when Nemone Wynn-Evans will assume the Chair.

During the year the Committee comprised all of the Directors. Due to there only being three directors appointed to the Company, it is appropriate that that Board's chair should be a member of the Audit Committee. A summary of the Audit Committee's principal activities for the year to 30 September 2022 is provided below.

### Financial Statements

The Half-Year and Annual Reports to Shareholders were thoroughly reviewed by the Committee prior to submission to the Board for approval.

### Internal control

The Committee monitored the system of internal controls throughout the year under review and as described in more detail in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 39 to 41. It received reports by exception on the Company's progress against its internal controls at its annual and half-year results meetings and reviews the key risks regularly. A full review of the internal controls in operation by the Company was undertaken by the Committee on 1 December 2022.

### Valuation of investments

The Investment Adviser prepared valuations of the investments in the portfolio at the end of each quarter and these were considered in detail and agreed by the Investment Committee for recommendation to the Board. The Audit Committee continued to monitor the adequacy of the controls over the preparation of these valuations. As part of this process, it focused on ensuring that both the bases of the valuations and any assumptions used were reasonable and in accordance with the IPEV Valuation Guidelines. The Committee received a review within a report from the external auditor as part of both the year-end audit process and the specific procedures carried out by BDO in respect of the half-year review. These reports were discussed in full by the Committee, the Investment Adviser and, with the Auditor as necessary, before a recommendation to approve the valuations was made to the Board.

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### Key issues considered by the Committee

In addition to the valuation of investments, the key accounting and reporting issues considered by the Committee during the year have included:

### Going concern and Viability of the Company

The Committee monitors the Company's resources at each quarterly Board meeting and is satisfied that the Company has an adequate level of resources for the foreseeable future. It has assessed the viability of the Company for the next three years. Its conclusions in respect of both going concern and viability are set out in the Strategic Report on page 33.

Consideration was given to the cash balances and holdings in money market funds, together with the ability of the Company to realise its investments.

### Recognition of impairment and realised losses

If an investment has been impaired such that there is no realistic expectation that there will be a full return from the investment, the loss is treated as a permanent impairment and is recognised as a realised loss in the Financial Statements. The Committee reviews the appropriateness and completeness of such impairments.

### *Compliance with the VCT tests*

The Company engages the services of a VCT Status Adviser to advise on its ongoing compliance with the legislative requirements relating to VCTs. A report on the Company's compliance supported by the tests carried out is produced by the VCT Status Adviser on a bi-annual basis and reviewed by the Committee for recommendation to the Board The Committee has continued to consider the risk and compliance aspects of changes to the VCT Rules introduced by the Finance Act (No 2) 2015 and the recent measures contained in the Finance Act 2018. As an essential part of this work, the Committee has held ongoing discussions with the Company's VCT Status Adviser throughout the year.

### Income from investee companies

The Committee notes that revenue from loan stock and dividends may be uncertain given the type of companies in which the Company invests. Dividends in particular may be difficult to predict.

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### The payments received do however have a direct impact on the level of income dividends the Company is able to pay to Shareholders. The Committee agrees policies for revenue recognition and reviews their application at each of its meetings. It considers schedules of income received and receivable from each of the investee companies and assesses, in consultation with the Investment Adviser, the likelihood of receipt of each of the amounts.

### Principal risks faced by the Company

The Board has identified the principal and emerging risks faced by the Company and established appropriate controls (set out in the Strategic Report on pages 31 to 32). The Committee monitors these controls and reviews any incidences of non-compliance. Further details are set out in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 31 to 32

The Board has sought and obtained assurances during the year from the Investment Adviser, the Registrar and other service providers regarding their cyber security policies.

### Tax evasion

The Company has adopted a zero tolerance approach to tax evasion in compliance with the Criminal Finance Act 2017, as reported on page 36.

### Relationship with the external auditor

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the relationship with the external auditor, assessing the effectiveness of the external audit process and making recommendations on the appointment and removal of the external auditor.

The external auditor is invited to attend Audit Committee meetings, where appropriate, and also has the option to meet with the Committee and its Chair without representatives of the Investment Adviser being present

The external auditor engaged with the Audit Committee throughout the year and during the audit planning process. It considers that the audit team is appropriately resourced and has communicated clearly and promptly with members of the Committee and the Investment Adviser during the audit process. The Committee is satisfied that independence and objectivity has been

maintained throughout the audit and the level of fees charged are justifiable and appropriate for the work involved. On this basis the Committee has recommended to the Board that, subject to Shareholder approval, that BDO LLP be re-appointed as the external auditor for the forthcoming year.

### Non-audit services

The Board regularly reviews and monitors the external auditor's independence and objectivity. As part of this it reviews the nature and extent of services supplied by the auditor to ensure that independence is maintained.

The Committee has reviewed the implications of the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC") Revised Ethical Reporting Standard 2019 effective from 5 March 2020.

There are no non-audit services to be reported

### Additional disclosures in the **Directors' Report**

Disclosures required by certain publiclytraded companies as set out in Part 6 of Schedule 7 of the Large and Mediumsized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended 2013) are addressed in the Directors' Report on pages 35 to 36.

By order of the Board

Justin Ward Chair of the Audit Committee 16 December 2022

### **Directors' Remuneration Policy**

In determining the Company's remuneration policy, the Committee and the Board seek to determine a level of fees appropriate to attract and retain individuals of sufficient calibre to lead the Company in achieving its Objective. When considering the level of Directors' fees, it takes account of the workload and responsibilities of each role and the value and amount of time that a Director is required to commit to the Company. It further considers remuneration levels elsewhere in the Venture Capital Trust industry for companies of a similar size and structure, together with other relevant information.

Supplements are paid to the Directors in respect of their membership of the Investment (£5,000) and Audit Committees (£6,000). The Directors may at their discretion pay additional sums in respect of specific tasks carried out by individual Directors on behalf of the Company

Since all the Directors are nonexecutive, the Company is not required to comply with the provisions of the Listing Rules, the UK Corporate Governance Code and the AIC Code of Corporate Governance (the "AIC Code") in respect of Directors' remuneration, except in so far as they relate specifically to non-executive directors.

The Remuneration Policy is set by the Board on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. The level of fees paid to each of the Directors is reviewed annually by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee which makes recommendations to the Board. The Committee has access to independent advice where and when it considers it appropriate.

As part of its annual review of directors' remuneration, at its meeting on 14 September 2022, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee considered the aggregate level of remuneration for each director, which was increased in the previous year, and agreed no change in remuneration was necessary for the forthcoming year.

### Performance related remuneration

Whilst it is a key element of this policy to recruit directors of the calibre required to lead the Company in achieving its short and long-term objectives, no component of the fees paid is directly related to performance

### Additional benefits

The Company does not have any other schemes in place to pay bonuses or benefits to the Directors. No arrangements have been entered into between the Company and the Directors to entitle any of the Directors to compensation for loss of office. None of the Directors receive pension benefits from the Company and the Company has not granted any Director any options over the share capital of the Company.

### **Recruitment remuneration**

Remuneration of any new director, who may subsequently be appointed to the Board, will be in line with the Remuneration Policy set out in this Report and the levels of remuneration stated therein, as modified from time to time.

### Shareholders' views on remuneration

The Board prioritises the views of Shareholders very highly and encourages a full and frank discussion at general meetings of the Company when possible. It takes Shareholders' views into account, where appropriate, when formulating its Remuneration Policy. Shareholders can contact the Chair or the Company Secretary, Gresham House, at any time by email using the address: mobeusvcts@greshamhouse.com

### Directors' terms of appointment

All of the Directors are non-executive. The Articles of Association provide that Directors may be appointed either by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders or by the Board, provided that a person appointed by the Board shall be subject to election at the first Annual General Meeting following their appointment.

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With effect from 1 October 2019, the Board adopted the 2019 AIC Code and all Directors will continue to seek election or re-election at each Annual General Meeting, usually scheduled in February of each year.

All Directors receive a formal letter of appointment setting out the terms of their appointment and the specific duties and responsibilities and the fees pertaining to the appointment. None of the Directors have a service contract with the Company. A Director's appointment may be terminated on three months' notice being given by the Company and in certain other circumstances. Copies of the Directors' appointment letters will be available for inspection at the place of the Annual General Meeting from 10.45 am however Shareholders can write to the Company Secretary at mobeusvcts@greshamhouse.com to request these.

New Directors are asked to undertake that they will have sufficient time to carry out their responsibilities to the Company and to disclose their other significant time commitments to the Board before appointment.

### Future policy

The table overleaf illustrates how the Company's objective is supported by its Remuneration Policy. It sets out details of each component of the pay package and the maximum amount receivable per annum by each Director based on the Directors as at the date of this Report. The Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Board review the fees paid to Directors annually in accordance with the Remuneration Policy set out on page 44 and may decide that an increase in fees is appropriate in respect of subsequent years. No performance conditions are attached to any aspect of any fee paid to the Directors

# **Directors' Remuneration Report**

Director	Compo	Maximum		
Role	Directors' fees	Supplements for committee membership		payment per annum
		Audit Committee	Investment Committee	
Maurice Helfgott Chair	£37,500	£6,000	£5,000	£48,500
Justin Ward <sup>1</sup> Chair, Audit, Investment and Nomination & Remuneration Committees	£27,000	£6,000	£5,000	£38,000
Nemone Wynn-Evans <sup>2</sup> Chair, Audit Committee	£27,000	£6,000	£5,000	£38,000
Total fees payable	£91,500	£18,000	£15,000	£124,500

<sup>1</sup> Justin will hand over the role of Audit Chair on 1 January 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Nemone was appointed to the Board on 7 November 2022, after the Company's year-end and her fees will be pro-rated accordingly. She will assume the role of Audit Chair on 1 January 2023.

**Company Objective** 

To provide investors with a regular income stream, by way of tax-free dividends generated from income and capital returns

**Remuneration Policy** 

To ensure that the levels of remuneration are sufficient to attract, retain and motivate directors of the quality required to manage the Company in order to achieve the Company's Objective.

### Shareholder approval of the **Company's Remuneration Policy**

This policy applied throughout the financial year ended 30 September 2022 and will continue to apply until the AGM 2023 and thereafter for the remainder of the current financial year ending 30 September 2023, if Shareholder approval is granted at the AGM.

A resolution to approve the Directors' Remuneration Policy as set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2019 was approved unanimously by Shareholders on a show of hands at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 23 February 2020. The Company also received proxy votes in favour of the resolution representing 94.10% (including those who appointed the Chair to vote at his discretion) of the votes received (against: 5.90%).

The Board is required to ask Shareholders to approve the Remuneration Policy every three years. The Directors will therefore recommend that Shareholders approve the Policy again at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in February 2023

### **Annual Remuneration Report**

The resolution to approve the Annual Remuneration Report as set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2021 was approved by Shareholders on a poll of proxy votes at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 23 February 2022. The Company received proxy votes in favour of the resolution representing 96.24% (including those who appointed the Chair to vote at his discretion) of the votes received (against: 3.76%). An ordinary resolution for the approval of this Annual Remuneration Report will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 22 February 2023.

This section of the Directors' Remuneration Report sets out how the above Remuneration Policy has been implemented during the year.

### Nomination and Remuneration Committee

During the year under review the Committee comprised the full Board. It was chaired by Justin Ward throughout the year. All members of the Committee are considered to be independent of the Investment Adviser with the exception of Helen Sinclair whilst she was a director. The Committee meets at least once a year and is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on remuneration policy and reviewing the policy's ongoing appropriateness and relevance. It carries out an annual review of the remuneration of the Directors and makes recommendations to the Board on the level of Directors' fees. The Committee may, at its discretion, recommend to the Board that individual

Directors should be awarded further payment in respect of additional work carried out on behalf of the Company. It is responsible for the appointment of remuneration consultants, if this should be considered necessary, including establishing the selection criteria and terms of reference for such an appointment. Such advice was sought for the recruitment process the Board undertook towards the year end. The Committee met twice during the year with full attendance from all of its members

In considering nominations, the Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board concerning new appointments of Directors to the Board and its committees; the periodic review of the composition of the Board and its committees; and the annual performance review of the Board, the Directors and the Chair. This includes the ongoing review of each Director's actual or potential conflicts of interest which may arise as a result of the external business activities of Board members.

The Board has made a commitment to consider diversity as part of the recruitment process for all appointments. Following the performance evaluation of the Directors during the year, the Board confirms that each of the Directors demonstrated commitment to their roles and were effective in carrying out their duties on behalf of the Company.

### Audited information

Total individual emoluments paid in respect to qualifying services to each person who served as a Director during the year<sup>1</sup> (audited) are set out below.

Total Directors' fees

Year ended:	30 September 2022	30 September 2021				
	£	£				
Maurice Helfgott	48,500	49,000	5.4%			
Helen Sinclair <sup>2</sup>	15,151	37,000	5.6%			
Justin Ward <sup>3</sup>	43,970	37,000	5.6%			
Total	107,621	123,000				
<sup>3</sup> - Justin was appointed as Chair of the Investment committee upon Helen's retirement in February 2022 with an incremental fee of £10,000 pa paid pro-rata until Nemone's appointment in November 2022.						
	No sums were paid to third parties in respect of any of the Director's services during the year under review.					

Although it is not a Company Policy, the Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders for each Director to maintain an interest in the Company. The Directors who held office throughout the year under review and their interests as at 30 September 2022 were:

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### Maurice Helfgott Justin Ward<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> - Justin and his wife's holdings combined.

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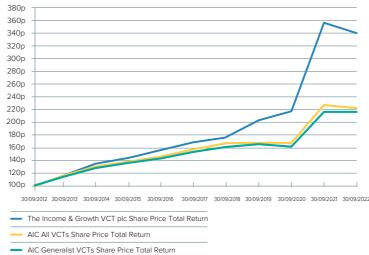
Directors'	fees		
Year ended:	30 September 2022 £	30 September 2021 £	Percentage increase/ (decrease)
Total Directors' fees	107,621	123,000	(12.5)%
Dividends paid/ payable in respect of the year	9,397,784	10,652,083	(11.8)%
Cost of share buybacks	1,031,358	1,050,945	(1.9)%

# issues as they arose.

Directors	Board N	<b>l</b> eetings	Audit Committee Meetings		Nomination & Remuneration Committee Meetings	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Maurice Helfgott	4	4	2	2	2	2
Helen Sinclair <sup>1</sup>	2	2	1	1	-	-
Justin Ward	4	4	2	2	2	2

### Company performance

The graph below charts the total cumulative shareholder return of the Company's shares on a share price basis (assuming all dividends have been re-invested and excluding the tax reliefs available to Shareholders) over the past ten years compared with that of an index of all VCTs and an index of generalist VCTs which are members of the AIC (based on figures provided by Morningstar). The Board considers these indices to be the most appropriate to use to measure the Company's relative performance over the medium to long-term. The total shareholder returns have been rebased to 100 at 30 September 2012.



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### Directors' interests in the Company's shares (audited)

eptember 2021 Percentage of		otember 2022 Percentage of	
	Shares held	issued share capital	Shares held
0.03%	30,000	0.11%	137,130
0.02%	28,295	0.4%	57,369

### Directors' remuneration: 5-year comparison

	2022	2017	% Change
ee membership fee)	48,500	46,000	5.4%
nittee membership fee)	38,000	36,000	5.6%

### Directors' attendance at Board and Committee meetings in 2022

The table below sets out the Director's attendance at guarterly Board meetings and Committee meetings held during the year ended 30 September 2022. In addition to the guarterly Board meetings, the Board met on other occasions to consider specific

<sup>1</sup> - Helen retired as a director on 23 February 2022

The share price total return comprises the share price plus cumulative dividends paid per share assuming the dividends paid were re-invested on the date on which the shares were quoted ex-dividend in respect of each dividend.

The former 'O' Share class was merged into the former 'S' Share class on 29 March 2010 to form the current class of shares. This graph therefore shows the performance of current class of shares only.

An explanation of the performance of the Company is given in the Chair's Statement on page 2, the Performance section of the Strategic Report on pages 7 to 10 and in the Investment Adviser's Review and Investment Portfolio Summary on pages 22 to 27.

By order of the Board

Justin Ward Chair of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee 16 December 2022

# **Statement of the Directors' Responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year and the Directors have elected to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the Financial Statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business;
- prepare a Strategic Report, a Director's Report and Directors' Remuneration Report which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Website publication

The Directors are responsible for ensuring the Annual Report and the Financial Statements are made available on a website. Financial Statements are published on the Company's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Company's website is the responsibility of the Directors. The Directors' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the Financial Statements contained therein.

### **Directors' responsibilities pursuant** to Disclosure and Transparency Rule 4 of the UK Listing Authority

The Directors confirm to the best of their knowledge that:

(a) the Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and the profit of the Company; and

(b) the Annual Report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

Having taken advice from the Audit Committee, the Board considers the Annual Report and Financial Statements, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and that it provides the information necessary for Shareholders to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy.

Neither the Company nor the Directors accept any liability to any person in relation to the Annual Report except to the extent that such liability could arise under English law.

The names and functions of the Directors are stated on page 44.

For and on behalf of the Board

Maurice Helfgott Chair

16 December 2022

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Income & Growth VCT plc

### Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 September 2022 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of The Income & Growth VCT plc ("the Company") for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise the Income statement, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs

(UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee.

### Independence

Following the recommendation of the audit committee, we were appointed by the Board of Directors on 15 May 2007 to audit the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2007 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement, including retenders and reappointments is 16 years, covering the years ended 30 September 2007 to 20 September 2022. We remain independent of the Company in

accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed public interest entities and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. The non-audit services prohibited by that standard were not provided to the Company.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the Directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Obtaining the VCT compliance reports during the year and as at year end and reviewing the calculations therein to check that the Company was meeting its requirements to retain VCT status:
- Reviewing the forecasted cash flows that support the Directors' assessment of going concern, challenging assumptions and judgements made in the forecasts, and assessing them for reasonableness. In particular, we considered the available cash resources relative to the forecast expenditure which was assessed against the prior year for reasonableness;
- Evaluating the Directors' method of assessing the going concern in light of market volatility and the present uncertainties in economic recovery created by the ongoing matters including the current situation in Ukraine/Russia; and
- Calculating financial ratios to ascertain the financial health of the Company

Based on the work we have performed. we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In relation to the Company's reporting on how it has applied the UK Corporate Governance Code, we have nothing material to add or draw attention to in relation to the Directors' statement in the

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financial statements about whether the Directors considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Overview**

		2022	2021
-	Valuation of unquoted investments	\$	1

**Materiality £1,460,000** (2021:£1,760,000) based on 2% (2021: 2%) of Gross investments

### An overview of the scope of our audit

Our company audit was scoped by obtaining an understanding of the company and its environment including the company's system of internal control, and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including assessing whether there was evidence of bias by the Directors that may have represented a risk of material misstatement. All audit work was performed by BDO LLP.

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit, and directing the efforts of the engagement team. This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

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Importantly, misstatements below these levels will not necessarily be evaluated as immaterial as we also take account of the nature of identified misstatements, and the particular circumstances of their occurrence, when evaluating their effect on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole and

Company financial statements	2022 £m	202' £m
Materiality	1.46	1.76
Basis for determining materiality	2% of Gross investments	
Rationale for the benchmark applied	In setting may we have have to the nature disposition of investment of Given that the VCT's portfor is comprised of unquoted investments would typicat a wider spre- of reasonab alternative p valuations, w have applie percentage gross invest as asset vali- the primary the users of financial sta	d regard e and of the portfolio. he blio d d which ally have ead le bossible we d a of 2% of ments, ues are focus of these
Performance materiality	1.09	1.32
Basis for determining performance materiality	75% of mate on the basis risk assessm together wit assessment Company's control envi the expecte value of kno likely missta based on pa	of our nent, h our of the overall ronment, d total own and tements,

experience, and the

level of transactions

in the year.

### Lower testing threshold

We determined that for Revenue return before tax, a misstatement of less than materiality for the financial statements as a whole, could influence users of the financial statements as it is a measure of the Company's performance of income generated from its investments after expenses. As a result, we determined a lower testing threshold for those items impacting revenue return of £146,000 based on 10% of Materiality (2021: £96,000 based on 10% of revenue return before tax.

### Reporting threshold

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them all individual audit differences in excess of £73,000 (2021: £35,000). We also agreed to report differences below this threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report and financial statements other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If. based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information. we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Corporate governance statement

The Listing Rules require us to review the Directors' statement in relation to going concern, longer-term viability and that part of the Corporate Governance Statement relating to the Company's compliance with the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code specified for our review.

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Based on the work undertaken as part of our audit, we have concluded that each of the following elements of the Corporate Governance Statement is materially consistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit.

### Going concern and longer-term viability

- The Directors' statement with regards to the appropriateness of adopting the going concern basis of accounting and any material uncertainties identified; and
- The Directors' explanation as to their assessment of the Company's prospects the period this assessment covers and why the period is appropriate.

### Other Code provisions

- Directors' statement on fair, balanced and understandable:
- Board's confirmation that it has carried out a robust assessment of the emerging and principal risks;
- The section of the annual report that describes the review of effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems; and
- The section describing the work of the Audit Committee.

### Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

Based on the responsibilities described below and our work performed during the course of the audit, we are required by the Companies Act 2006 and ISAs (UK) to report on certain opinions and matters as described below.

### Strategic report and Directors' report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material

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misstatements in the strategic report or the Directors' report.

### **Directors' remuneration**

In our opinion, the part of the Directors' remuneration report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements and the part • of the Directors' remuneration report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns: or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made: or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if,

individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the Company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. The significant laws and regulations were considered to be the Companies Act 2006, the FCA listing and DTR rules, the principles of the UK Corporate Governance Code, industry practice represented by the AIC SORP and FRS102. We also considered the Company's qualification as a VCT under UK tax legislation as any breach of this would lead to the Company losing various deductions and exemptions from corporation tax.

Our procedures included:

- obtaining an understanding of the control environment in monitoring compliance with laws and regulations:
- agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation:
- enquiries of the investment adviser and those charged with governance relating to the existence of any non-compliance with laws and regulations:
- assessing management's experts for their independence, objectivity and competence, and obtaining the VCT compliance reports prepared by management's expert during the year and as at year end and reviewing their calculations to check that the Company was meeting its requirements to retain VCT status: and
- reviewing minutes of board meetings and legal correspondence and invoices throughout the period for instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statement to material misstatement including fraud and

audit conducted in accordance with ISAs considered the fraud risk areas to be the valuation of unquoted investments and management override of controls.

Our procedures included:

- the procedures set out in the Key audit matters section above:
- obtaining independent evidence to support the ownership of a sample of investments.
- recalculating investment management fees in total;
- made enquiries of the investment advisor about any known, suspected and alleged fraud;
- obtaining independent confirmation • of bank balances; and
- testing journals which met a defined risk criteria by agreeing to supporting documentation and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the Investment Advisor and Directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no

other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# BDO UP

### Vanessa Jayne Bradley

(Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom 16 December 2022

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# **Financial Statements**

# Income Statement for the year ended 30 September 2022

		Year end	led 30 Septe	ember 2022	Year er	ided 30 Sept	tember 2021
	Notes	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
Net investment portfolio (losses)/gains	9	-	(10,847,681)	(10,847,681)	-	43,637,384	43,637,384
Income	3	2,818,938	-	2,818,938	1,953,493	-	1,953,493
Investment Adviser's fees	4a	(658,973)	(1,976,919)	(2,635,892)	(548,812)	(1,646,435)	(2,195,247)
Investment Adviser's performance fees	4b	-	-	-	-	(1,095,268)	(1,095,268)
Other expenses	5	(539,819)	-	(539,819)	(444,069)	-	(444,069)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before							
taxation		1,620,146	(12,824,600)	(11,204,454)	960,612	40,895,681	41,856,293
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	6	(86,613)	86,613	-	(50,487)	50,487	-
(Loss)/profit for the year and total							
comprehensive income		1,533,533	(12,737,987)	(11,204,454)	910,125	40,946,168	41,856,293
Basic and diluted earnings per ordinary shar	<b>e:</b> 7	1.23p	(10.21)p	(8.98)p	0.77p	34.57p	35.34p

The revenue column of the Income Statement includes all income and expenses. The capital column accounts for the net investment portfolio (losses)/gains (unrealised losses and realised gains on investments) and the proportion of the Investment Adviser's fee and performance fee charged to capital.

The total column is the Statement of Total Comprehensive Income of the Company prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS"). In order to better reflect the activities of a VCT and in accordance with the 2014 Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") (updated in April 2021) by the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC"), supplementary information which analyses the Income Statement between items of a revenue and capital nature has been presented alongside the Income Statement. The revenue column of profit attributable to equity shareholders is the measure the Directors believe appropriate in assessing the Company's compliance with certain requirements set out in Section 274 Income Tax Act 2007.

All the items in the above statement derive from continuing operations of the Company. No operations were acquired or discontinued in the year.

The Notes on pages 57 to 76 form part of these Financial Statements.

# Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

		as at	as at
	Notes	30 September 2022 £	30 September 2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments at fair value	9	73,080,003	88,145,889
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	11	869,192	2,459,633
Current asset investments	12	33,569,357	27,194,727
Cash at bank and in hand	12	1,209,273	2,653,455
		35,647,822	32,307,815
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(312,375)	(1,367,430)
Net current assets		35,335,447	30,940,385
Net assets		108,415,450	119,086,274
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	1,294,819	1,185,549
Capital redemption reserve		48,343	36,682
Share premium reserve		24,765,043	13,328,900
Revaluation reserve		28,034,730	43,197,940
Special distributable reserve		40,837,774	50,884,712
Profit and loss account		13,434,741	10,452,491
Equity shareholders' funds		108,415,450	119,086,274
Basic and diluted net asset value per share Ordinary shares	15	83.73p	100.45p

The Notes on pages 57 to 76 form part of these Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Maurice Helfgott Chair

## Company No. 4069483

## Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 September 2022

			Non-distribut	able reserves	5	Dist	ributable reserv	es	
	Notes	Called up share capital £	Capital redemption reserve £	Share premium reserve £	Revaluation reserve £	Special distributable reserve (Note a) £	Realised capital reserve (Note b)	Revenue reserve (Note b)	Total
1		£	£	ì	ŕ	ž	ł	ž	£
At 1 October 2021 Comprehensive income for the year (Loss)/profit for the		1,185,549	36,682	13,328,900	43,197,940	50,884,712	8,511,877	1,940,614	119,086,274
year		-	-	-	(13,164,787)	-	426,800	1,533,533	(11,204,454)
Total comprehensive income for the year	9	-	-	-	(13,164,787)	-	426,800	1,533,533	(11,204,454)
Contributions by and distributions to own Shares issued via Offer for									
Subscription (Note d) Issue costs and faciliations fees on Offer for	14	101,920	-	9,898,080	-	-	-	-	10,000,000
Subscription (Note d) Dividends re-invested	14	-	-	(250,968)	-	(81,278)	-	-	(332,246)
into new shares	14	19,011	-	1,789,031	-	-	-	-	1,808,042
Shares bought back (Note e) Dividends paid	14 8	(11,661)	11,661	-	-	(1,031,358) (4,309,323)	- (4,955,404)	- (646,081)	(1,031,358) (9,910,808)
Total contributions b and distributions to	у								
owners		109,270	11,661	11,436,143	-	(5,421,959)	(4,955,404)	(646,081)	533,630
Other movements Realised losses transferred to special									
reserve (Note a) Realisation of previously		-	-	-	-	(4,624,979)	4,624,979	-	-
unrealised gains		-	-	-	(1,998,423)	-	1,998,423	-	-
Total other moveme	nts	-	-	-	(1,998,423)	(4,624,979)	6,623,402	-	-
At 30 September 20	22	1,294,819	48,343	24,765,043	28,034,730	40,837,774	10,606,675	2,828,066	108,415,450

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- a) The Company's special reserve is available to fund buybacks of shares as and when it is considered by the Board to be in the interests of Shareholders, and to absorb any existing and future realised losses and for other corporate purposes. At 30 September 2022, the Company has a special reserve of £40.837.774, all of which arises from shares issued more than three years after the end of the financial year in which they were issued. Reserves originating from share issues are not distributable under VCT rules if they are within three years of the end of an accounting period in which the shares were issued. The total transfer of £4,624,979 from the realised capital reserve to the special distributable reserve above is the total of realised losses incurred by the Company in the year.
- b) The realised capital reserve and the revenue reserve together comprise the Profit and Loss Account of the Company shown in the Balance Sheet.
- c) The shareholders authorised the Company to purchase its own shares for cancellation pursuant to section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 at the Annual General Meeting held on 23 February 2022. The authority was limited to a maximum number of 17,771,376 shares (this being approximately 14.99% of the issued share capital at the date of the Notice of the meeting). The minimum price which may be paid for a share is 1 penny per share, the nominal value thereof. The maximum price that may be paid for a share is an amount that is not more than 5% above the average of the middle market quotations of the shares as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange for the five business days preceding such purchase. The authorities provide that the Company may make a contract or contracts to purchase its own shares prior to the expiry of the authority which may be executed in whole or part after the expiry of such authority, and may purchase its shares in pursuance of any such contract.
- d) Under the Offer for Subscription launched on 20 January 2022, a total of 10,191,964 (2021: nil) ordinary shares were allotted at an average effective offer price of 94.86 pence per share, raising net funds of £9,667,754 (2021: £nil). This figure is net of issue costs of £250,968 and facilitation fees of £81,278.

e) During the year, the Company repurchased 1,166,089 of its own shares at the prevailing market price for a total cost of £1,031,358, which were subsequently cancelled. The difference between the figure shown above of £1,031,358, and that per the Statement of Cash Flows of £1,031,123 is due to a share buyback creditor of £41,664 at the previous year end, partially offset by a share buyback creditor of £41,899 at the year-end.

The Notes on pages 57 to 76 form part of these Financial Statements

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Called up	Non-distribut Capital redemption reserve	able reserves Share premium reserve	Revaluation reserve	Distrit Special distributable reserve	outable reserve Realised capital reserve	es Revenue reserve	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2020 Comprehensive income for the year	1,186,617	23,827	12,283,303	6,862,342	54,626,873	5,938,001	2,212,467	83,133,430
Profit for the year	-	-	-	39,475,833	-	1,470,335	910,125	41,856,293
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	39,475,833	-	1,470,335	910,125	41,856,293
Contributions by and distributions to owners Dividends re-invested into								
new shares	11,787	-	1,045,597	-	-	-	-	1,057,384
Shares bought back Dividends paid	(12,855) -	12,855	-	-	(1,050,945) -	- (4,727,910)	- (1,181,978)	(1,050,945) (5,909,888)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	(1,068)	12,855	1,045,597	-	(1,050,945)	(4,727,910)	(1,181,978)	(5,903,449)
Other movements Realised losses transferred								
to special reserve Realisation of previously	-	-	-	-	(2,691,216)	2,691,216	-	-
unrealised gains	-	-	-	(3,140,235)	-	3,140,235	-	-
Total other movements	-	-	-	(3,140,235)	(2,691,216)	5,831,451	-	-
At 30 September 2021	1,185,549	36,682	13,328,900	43,197,940	50,884,712	8,511,877	1,940,614	119,086,274

The composition of each of these reserves is explained below

Called up share capital - The nominal value of shares originally issued, increased for subsequent share issues either via an Offer for Subscription or Dividend Investment Scheme or reduced due to shares bought back and cancelled by the Company. Capital redemption reserve - The nominal value of shares bought back and cancelled is held in this reserve, so that the company's capital is maintained.

Share premium reserve - This reserve contains the excess of gross proceeds less issue costs over the nominal value of shares allotted under recent Offers for Subscription and the Company's Dividend Investment Scheme. Revaluation reserve - Increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held at the year-end are accounted for in this reserve, except to the extent that the diminution is deemed permanent. In accordance with stating all investments at fair value through profit and loss (as recorded in Note 9), all such movements through both revaluation and realised capitl reserves are shown within the Income Statement for the year.

Special distributable reserve - This reserve is created from cancellations of the balances upon the Share premium reserve, which are transferred to this reserve from time to time. The cost of share buybacks is charged to this reserve. In addition, any realised losses on the sale or impairment of investments (excluding transaction costs), 75% of the Investment Adviser fee expense and 100% of the Investment Adviser performance fee expense, and the related tax effect, are transferred from the realised capital reserve to this reserve. The cost of any IFA facilitation fee payable as part of the Offer for Subscription is also charged to this reserve. Realised capital reserve - The following are accounted for in this reserve:

- Gains and losses on realisation of investments;
- Permanent diminution in value of investments;
- Transaction costs incurred in the acquisition and disposal of investments;
- 75% of the Investment Adviser fee expense and 100% of any performance fee payable, together with the related tax effect to this
- reserve in accordance with the policies, and
- Capital dividends paid.

Revenue reserve - Income and expenses that are revenue in nature are accounted for in this reserve, as well as 25% of the Investment Adviser fee together with the related tax effect, as well as income dividends paid that are classified as revenue in nature

The Notes on pages 57 to 76 form part of these Financial Statements

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	Year ended 30 September 2022 £	Year ended 30 September 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(11,204,454)	41,856,293
Adjustments for:			
Net investment portfolio losses/(gains)		10,847,681	(43,637,384)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(654,550)	183,844
(Decrease)/increase in creditors and accruals		(1,055,290)	1,104,812
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(2,066,613)	(492,435)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investments	9	(7,336,441)	(8,087,743)
Disposal of investments	9	13,799,637	12,195,381
Net cash inflow from investing activities		6,463,196	4,107,638
Cash flows from financing activities			
Shares issued as part of Offer for subscription		10,000,000	-
Issue costs and facilitation fees as part of Offer for subscription		(332,246)	-
Equity dividends paid	8	(8,102,766)	(4,852,504)
Purchase of own shares	14	(1,031,123)	(1,103,332)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		533,865	(5,955,836)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		4,930,448	(2,340,633)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		26,696,413	29,037,046
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		31,626,861	26,696,413
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	1,209,273	2,653,455
Cash equivalents	12	30,417,588	24,042,958

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# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

### 1 Company Information

The Income and Growth VCT plc is a public limited company incorporated in England, registration number 4069483. The registered office is 5 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3TW.

### 2 Basis of preparation

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year are set out at the start of the related disclosure throughout the Notes to the Financial Statements. All accounting policies are included within an outlined box at the top of each relevant Note.

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and the 2014 Statement of Recommended practice, 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' ('the SORP') (updated in April 2021) issued by the Association of Investment Companies. The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the modification to a fair value basis for certain financial instruments which are disclosed under FRS102 s11/12 as shown in Note 16.

After performing the necessary enquiries, the Directors have undertaken an assessment of the Company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The Company has significant cash and liquid resources and no external debt or capital commitments. The Company's cash flow forecasts, which consider levels of anticipated new and follow-on investment, as well as investment income and annual running cost projections, are discussed at each quarterly Board meeting and, in particular, have been considered in light of the current economic environment. Following this assessment, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue to meet its liabilities for at least 12 months from the date of these Financial Statements. The Directors therefore consider the preparation of these Financial Statements on a going concern basis to be appropriate.

### 3 Income

Dividends receivable on quoted equity shares are brought into account on the ex-dividend date. Dividends receivable on unquoted equity shares are brought into account when the Company's right to receive payment is established and there is no reasonable doubt that payment will be received.

Interest income on loan stock is accrued on a daily basis. Provision is made against this income where recovery is doubtful or where it will not be received in the foreseeable future. Where the loan stocks only require interest or a redemption premium to be paid on redemption, the interest and redemption premium is recognised as income or capital as appropriate once redemption is reasonably certain. When a redemption premium is designed to protect the value of the instrument holder's investment rather than reflect a commercial rate of revenue return the redemption premium is recognised as capital. The treatment of redemption premiums is analysed to consider if they are revenue or capital in nature on a company by company basis. Accordingly, the redemption premium recognised in the year ended 30 September 2022 has been classified as capital and has been included within realised gains on investments.

### 3 Income (continued)

	2022 £	2021 £
Income from bank deposits	38,201	28,376
Income from investments		
– from equities	1,164,287	694,891
– from OEIC funds	203,099	4,103
– from loan stock	1,413,351	1,220,332
	2,780,737	1,919,326
Other income	-	5,791
Total income	2,818,938	1,953,493
Total income comprises		
Revenue dividends received	1,367,386	698,994
Interest	1,451,552	1,248,708
Other income	-	5,791
Total Income	2,818,938	1,953,493
Income from investments comprises		
Listed UK securities	16,000	12,500
Listed overseas securities	203,099	4,103
Unlisted UK securities	2,565,638	1,902,723
Total investment income	2,780,737	1,919,326

Total loan stock interest due but not recognised in the year was £555,162 (2021: £784,958) due to uncertainty over its recoverability. The decrease is due to the removal of a number of investee company provisions that were considered appropriate in the previous year in light of the current economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 4 Investment Adviser's fees and performance fees

25% of the Investment Adviser's fees are charged to the revenue column of the Income Statement, while 75% is charged against the capital column of the Income Statement. This is in line with the Board's expected long-term split of returns from the investment portfolio of the Company.

100% of any performance incentive fee payable for the year is charged against the capital column of the Income Statement, as it is based upon the achievement of capital growth.

### a) Investment Adviser's fees

	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gresham House Asset Management Limited	658,973	1,976,919	2,635,892	548,812	1,646,435	2,195,247

Under the terms of a revised investment management agreement dated 29 March 2010, Gresham House Asset Management Limited provides investment advisory, administrative and company secretarial services to the Company, for a fee of 2.4% per annum of closing net assets, calculated on a guarterly basis by reference to the net assets at the end of the preceding quarter. One sixth of this fee is subject to minimum and maximum limits of £150,000 (2021: £150,000) and £170,000 (2021: £170,000) per annum respectively.

The Investment Adviser fees disclosed above are stated after applying a cap on expenses, if applicable, excluding IFA trail commission and exceptional items set at 3.25% of closing net assets at the year end. In accordance with the investment management agreement any excess expenses are wholly borne by the Investment Adviser. The excess expenses during the year attributable to the Investment Adviser amounted to £nil (2021: £nil).

### b) Investment Adviser's performance fees

	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gresham House Asset Management Limited	-	-	-	-	1,095,268	1,095,268

On 30 September 2014, an incentive fee agreement was signed between the Board and Mobeus Equity Partners LLP with effect from 1 October 2013, to amend and replace the previous agreement. This agreement was novated to Gresham House Asset Management Limited following its purchase of the Mobeus VCT fund and investment management business on 30 September 2021.

Any payment under the new incentive agreement is now 15% of net realised gains for each year, payable in cash. It is payable only if Cumulative Net Asset Value (NAV) total return per share (being the closing NAV at a year end plus cumulative dividends paid to that year end, since 1 October 2013) equals or exceeds a Target Return. The Target Return is the greater of two targets, being:

- i) compound growth of 6% per annum (but 5% per annum for the year ended 30 September 2014 only), before deducting any incentive fee payable (for the year of calculation only) in Cumulative NAV total return per share; or
- ii) the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Prices Index since 1 October 2013 to the relevant financial year end, the resultant figure then being multiplied by (100+A)/100, where A is the number of full 12 month periods (or part thereof) that have passed between 1 October 2013 and the relevant financial year end (the result being that the cumulative increase in inflation is further uplifted to include a 1% above inflation increase per annum in the Target Return).

Both measures of Target Return are applied to the same opening base, being NAV per share as at 30 September 2013 of 113.90 pence. The objective of this Target Return is to enable shareholders to benefit from a cumulative NAV return of at least 6% per annum (5% in the financial year ended 30 September 2014), before any incentive fee is payable. Once a payment has been made, cumulative NAV total return is calculated after deducting past years' incentive fees paid and payable.

Under this agreement, any fee payments to Gresham House are subject to an annual cap of an amount equal to 2% of the net assets of the Company as at the immediately preceding year end. Any excess over the 2% remains payable to Gresham House in the following year(s), subject to the 2% annual cap in such subsequent year(s) and after any payment in respect of such subsequent year(s).

For the year ended 30 September 2022, the Target Return based upon Cumulative NAV total return per share under i) above was a 6% uplift on the previous year's Target Return of 179.83 pence, being 190.62 pence and exceeds the target return compared to a Consumer Price basis under ii) above of 155.10 pence. As Cumulative Total NAV return is 187.73 pence per share at the year end, and is less than the Target Return under i) above of 190.62 pence per share, no fee is therefore payable (2021: £1,095,268).

c) Offer for Subscription fees

Funds raised by I&G VCT

### Offer costs payable to Gresham House at 3.00% of funds raised

Under the terms of an Offer for Subscription, with the other Mobeus VCTs, launched on 20 January 2022, Gresham House was entitled to fees of 3.00% of the investment amount received from investors. This amount totalled £1.05 million across all four VCTs, out of which all the costs associated with the allotment were met, excluding any payments to advisers facilitated under the terms of the Offer.

	2022 £m	2021 £m
	9.67	-
by I&G VCT	0.29	-

### **5** Other expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are charged wholly to revenue, with the exception of expenses incidental to the acquisition or disposal of an investment, which are written off to the capital column of the Income Statement or deducted from the disposal proceeds as appropriate.

	2022 £	2021 £
Directors' remuneration (including NIC of £8,060 (2021: £9,314)) (Note a)	115,681	132,314
IFA trail commission	99,847	89,669
Broker's fees	12,000	12,000
Auditor's fees – Audit of company (excluding VAT)	39,703	31,002
<ul> <li>audit related assurance services (Note b) (excluding VAT)</li> </ul>	8,200	5,638
<ul> <li>– other services (Note c) (excluding VAT)</li> </ul>	-	4,000
VCT monitoring fees	10,800	10,800
Registrar's fees	54,292	49,707
Printing	57,304	36,726
Legal & professional fees	25,629	7,614
Directors' insurance	11,258	8,245
Listing and regulatory fees	69,062	46,656
Sundry	36,043	9,698
Other expenses	539,819	444,069

Notes:

a) Directors' remuneration is a related party transaction, see analysis of Directors' fees payable and their interests in the shares of the Company in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 43 to 45, which excludes NIC included above. The key management personnel are the three non-executive Directors. The Company has no employees. £nil is outstanding and due to the Directors at 30 September 2022 (2021: £5,000).

- b) The audit-related assurance services are in relation to a limited scope engagement in respect of the Financial Statements within the Company's Interim Report. The Audit Committee reviews the nature and extent of these services to ensure that auditor independence is maintained.
- c) Included within this figure are fees of £nil inclusive of VAT (2021: £4,800) payable to the Auditor relating to the review of the calculation of the Investment Adviser's performance fee.

### 6 Taxation on ordinary activities

The tax expense for the year comprises current tax and is recognised in profit or loss. The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Any tax relief obtained in respect of adviser fees allocated to capital is reflected in the capital reserve - realised and a corresponding amount is charged against revenue. The tax relief is the amount by which corporation tax payable is reduced as a result of these capital expenses.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in the tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the Financial Statements.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

A deferred tax asset would be recognised only to the extent that it is more likely than not that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised.

### 6 Taxation on ordinary activities (continued)

	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	Revenue	Capital	Total £	Revenue	Capital	Total
	£	£	Ĺ	£	£	£
a) Analysis of tax charge:						
UK Corporation tax on profits/(losses) for						
the year	86,613	(86,613)	-	50,487	(50,487)	-
Total current tax charge/(credit)	86,613	(86,613)	-	50,487	(50,487)	-
Corporation tax is based on a rate of						
19.0% (2021: 19.0%)						
b) Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	1620146	(12 024 000)	(11 2 0 4 4 E 4)	060 612	40.00E.001	41 OF C 202
before tax		(12,824,600)	(11,204,454)	960,612	40,895,681	41,856,293
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by main company rate of corporation tax						
in the UK of 19.0% (2021: 19.0%)	307828	(2,436,674)	(2,128,846)	182,516	7,770,179	7,952,695
Effect of:	007,020	(2,100,071)	(2,:20,010)	102,010	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,002,000
UK dividends	(221,215)	-	(221,215)	(132,029)	-	(132,029)
Net investment portfolio losses/(gains) not				, ,		· · /
allowable/taxable	-	2,061,059	2,061,059	-	(8,291,103)	(8,291,103)
Losses not utilised	-	289,002	289,002	-	470,437	470,437
Actual current tax charge	86,613	(86,613)	-	50,487	(50,487)	-

Tax relief relating to Investment Adviser fees is allocated between revenue and capital where such relief can be utilised.

No asset or liability has been recognised for deferred tax in relation to capital gains or losses on revaluing investments as the Company is exempt from corporation tax in relation to capital gains or losses as a result of qualifying as a Venture Capital Trust.

There is no potential liability to deferred tax (2021: £nil). There is an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £2,010,000 (2021: £1,630,000). The deferred tax asset relates to unrelieved management expenses and is not recognised because the Company may not generate sufficient taxable income in the foreseeable future to utilise these expenses.

### 7 Basic and diluted earnings and return per share

Total earnings after taxation:

Basic and diluted earnings per share (Note a)

Revenue earnings from ordinary activities after taxation

Basic and diluted revenue earnings per share (Note b)

Net investment portfolio (losses)/gains

Capitalised Investment Adviser fees and performance fees less tax

### Total capital earnings

Basic and diluted capital earnings per share (Note c)

Weighted average number of shares in issue in the year

### Notes:

- a) Basic earnings per share is total earnings after taxation divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.
- b) Revenue earnings per share is the revenue earnings after taxation divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.
- c) Capital earnings per share is the total capital earnings after taxation divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.

	2022 £	2021 £
	(11,204,454) <b>(8.98)p</b>	41,856,293 <b>35.34p</b>
	1,533,533 <b>1.23p</b>	910,125 <b>0.77</b> p
xation	(10,847,681) (1,890,306)	43,637,384 (2,691,216)
	(12,737,987) <b>(10.21)p</b>	40,946,168 <b>34.57p</b>
	124,696,827	118,422,497

### 8 Dividends paid and payable

Dividends payable are recognised as distributions in the financial statements when the Company's liability to pay them has been established. This liability is established for interim dividends when they are paid.

The Company's status as a VCT means it has to comply with Section 259 of the Income Tax Act 2007, which requires that no more than 15% of the income from shares and securities in a year can be retained from the revenue available for distribution for the year. Accordingly, the Board is required to determine the amount of minimum income dividend.

Dividend	Туре	For the year ended 30 September	Pence per share	Date Paid	2022 £	2021 £
Interim	Income	2021	1.00p	23 July 2021	-	1,181,978
Interim	Capital	2021	4.00p	23 July 2021	-	4,727,910
Interim	Capital	2021	2.00p	07 January 2022	2,371,079	-
Interim	Special	2021	2.00p	07 January 2022	2,371,079	-
Interim	Income	2022	0.50p	08 July 2022	646,081	-
Interim	Capital	2022	2.00p	08 July 2022	2,584,325	-
Interim	Special	2022	1.50p	08 July 2022	1,938,244	-

For the year ended 30 September 2022 £9,910,808 (2021: £5,909,888) disclosed above differs to that shown in the Statement of Cash Flows of £8,102,766 (2021: £4,852,504) due to £1,808,042 (2021: £1,057,384) of new shares issued as part of the Company's Dividend Investment Scheme.

	2022 Revenue £	2022 Capital £	2022 Total £	2021 Revenue £	2021 Capital £	2021 Total £
Proposed distribution to equity holders at the year-end						
Second interim dividend for the year ended 30 September 2022 of 4.00p per ordinary share, of which 0.75p income, 2.50p capital and 0.75p special	971,114	4,208,162	5,179,276	-	-	-
Second interim dividend for the year ended 30 September 2021 of 4.00p (capital) per ordinary share	-	-	-	-	4,742,195	4,742,195

Set out below are the total income dividends payable in respect of the financial year, which is the basis on which the requirements of section 274 of the Income Tax Act 2007 are considered.

Recognised income distributions in the Financial Statements for the year	2022 £	2021 £
Revenue available for distribution by way of dividends for the year	1,533,533	910,125
Interim income dividend for the year - 0.50p (2021: 1.00p) Second interim income dividend for the year - 0.75p (2021: nil)	646,081 971,114	1,181,978
Total income dividends for the year	1,617,195	1,181,978

### 9 Investments at fair value

The most critical estimates, assumptions and judgements relate to the determination of the carrying value of investments at "fair value through profit and loss" (FVTPL). All investments held by the Company are classified as FVTPL and measured in accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation ("IPEV") guidelines, as updated in December 2018. This classification is followed as the Company's business is to invest in financial assets with a view to profiting from their total return in the form of capital growth and income.

Purchases and sales of unlisted investments are recognised when the contract for acquisition or sale becomes unconditional. For investments actively traded on organised financial markets, fair value is generally determined by reference to Stock Exchange market quoted bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. Purchases and sales of quoted investments are recognised on the trade date where a contract of sale exists whose terms require delivery within a time frame determined by the relevant market. Where the terms of a disposal state that consideration may be received at some future date and, subject to the conditionality and materiality of the amount of deferred consideration, an estimate of the fair value discounted for the time value of money may be recognised through the Income Statement. In other cases, the proceeds will only be recognised once the right to receive payment is established and there is no reasonable doubt that payment will be received.

Unquoted investments are stated at fair value by the Directors at each measurement date in accordance with appropriate valuation techniques, which are consistent with the IPEV guidelines:

(i) Each investment is considered as a whole on a 'unit of account' basis, i.e. that the value of each portfolio company is considered as a whole, alongside consideration of:-

The price of new investments made, if deemed to be made as part of an orderly transaction, are considered to be at fair value at the date of the transaction. The inputs that derived the investment price are calibrated within individual valuation models and at subsequent measurement dates, are reconsidered for any changes in light of more recent events or changes in light of more recent events or changes in the market performance of the investee company. The valuation bases used are the following:

a multiple basis. The shares may be valued by applying a suitable price-earnings ratio, revenue or gross profit multiple to that company's historic, current or forecast post-tax earnings before interest and amortisation, or revenue, or gross profit (the ratio used being based on a comparable sector but the resulting value being adjusted to reflect points of difference identified by the Investment Adviser compared to the sector including, inter alia, a lack of marketability).

or:-

where a company's underperformance against plan indicates a diminution in the value of the investment, provision against cost is made, as appropriate.

- (ii) Premiums, to the extent that they are considered capital in nature, and that they will be received upon repayment of loan stock investments are accrued at fair value when the Company receives the right to the premium and when considered recoverable
- (iii) Where a multiple or the price of recent investment less impairment basis is not appropriate and overriding factors apply, a discounted cash flow, net asset valuation, realisation proceeds or a weighted average of these bases may be applied.

Capital gains and losses on investments, whether realised or unrealised, are dealt with in the profit and loss and revaluation reserves and movements in the period are shown in the Income Statement.

All investments are initially recognised and subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Income Statement

A key judgement made in applying the above accounting policy relates to investments that are permanently impaired. Where the value of an investment has fallen permanently below cost, the loss is treated as a permanent impairment and as a realised loss, even though the investment is still held. The Board assesses the portfolio for such investments and, after agreement with the Investment Adviser, will agree the values that represent the extent to which an investment loss has become realised. This is based upon an assessment of objective evidence of that investment's future prospects, to determine whether there is potential for the investment to recover in value

The methods of fair value measurement are classified into hierarchy based on the reliability of the information used to determine the valuation.

Level 1 – Fair value is measured based on guoted prices in an active market. Level 2 – Fair value is measured based on directly observable current market prices or indirectly being derived from market

prices.

Level 3 - Fair value is measured using valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data.

### 9 Investments at fair value (continued)

Movements in investments during the year are summarised as follows:

	Traded on AIM	Unquoted equity shares	Unquoted preference shares	Unquoted Loan Stock	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost at 30 September 2021	1,993,170	31,854,268	1,240,546	15,417,064	50,505,048
Permanent impairment at 30 September 2021 (Note e)	(500,000)	(4,969,611)	(301)	(87,187)	(5,557,099)
Unrealised gains/(losses) at 30 September 2021	15,348,463	30,897,825	159,947	(3,208,295)	43,197,940
Valuation at 30 September 2021	16,841,633	57,782,482	1,400,192	12,121,582	88,145,889
Purchases at cost	-	5,321,660	779,200	1,235,581	7,336,441
Sale proceeds (Note b)	-	(8,678,964)	-	(2,875,682)	(11,554,646)
Reclassification at value (Note c)	-	578,640	-	(578,640)	-
Net realised gains on investments (Note a)	-	2,317,106	-	-	2,317,106
Net unrealised (losses)/gains on investments (Note d)	(10,813,492)	(2,030,065)	143,063	(464,294)	(13,164,787)
Valuation at 30 September 2022	6,028,141	55,290,859	2,322,456	9,438,547	73,080,003
Cost at 30 September 2022	1,993,170	35,098,554	2,019,746	13,401,047	52,512,517
Permanent impairment at 30 September 2022 (Note e)	(500,000)	(5,875,235)	(1,955)	(1,090,054)	(7,467,244)
Unrealised gains/(losses) at 30 September 2022	4,534,971	26,067,540	304,665	(2,872,446)	28,034,730
Valuation at 30 September 2022	6,028,141	55,290,859	2,322,456	9,438,547	73,080,003

Net realised gains on investments of £2,317,106 together with net unrealised losses on investments of £13,164,787 equal net investment portfolio losses of £10,847,681 as shown in the Income Statement.

A full breakdown of the increases and decreases in unrealised valuations of the portfolio is seen in the Investment Portfolio Summary on pages 22 to 27.

### Major movements in investments

Note a) Disposals of investment portfolio companies during the year were:

Company	Туре	Investment Cost £	Disposal Proceeds £	Valuation at 30 September 2021 £	Realised gain/(loss) in year £
Media Business Insight	Realisation	3,666,556	6,023,746	4,199,330	1,824,416
Vian Marketing Limited (trading as Red Paddle Co)	Realisation	837,888	5,522,643	4.324.963	1,197,680
Muller EV Limited	Permanent	037,000	5,522,045	4,524,905	1,197,000
(trading as Andersen EV) <sup>1</sup>	impairment	-	-	713,247 <sup>1</sup>	(713,247)
Other capital proceeds	Various	824,528	8,257	-	8,257
		5,328,972	11,554,646	9,237,540	2,317,106

<sup>1</sup> - includes new investment of £396,247 during the year

Note b) Sale proceeds above of £11,554,646 is less than that shown in the Statement of Cash Flows of £13,799,637 by £2,244,991. This is comprised of proceeds received in respect of Proactive Group (£2,239,490) and Vectair Holdings (£5,501) both held as debtors at the previous year-end and received during the year.

Note c) The amount of £578,640 transferred from unquoted loan stock to unquoted equity shares represents the conversion of the loans held in two portfolio companies into equity shares during the year.

Note d) Within net unrealised loss of £13,164,787 for the year, the significant decreases in value compared to last year were as follows: £9,672,498 in Virgin Wines UK plc, £3,598,238 in My Tutorweb Limited, £1,644,076 in End Ordinary Group Limited (trading as Buster & Punch), £1,576,222 in Manufacturing Services Investment Limited (trading as Wetsuit Outlet) and £1,043,767 in Data Discovery Solutions Limited (trading as Active Navigation). These losses were partially offset by unrealised gains in valuation compared to last year, including: £2,843,736 in Preservica Limited, £1,721,347 in EOTH Limited and £1,396,918 in Master Removers Group (2019) Limited.

Note e) During the year, permanent impairments of the cost of investments have increased from £5,557,099 to £7,467,244. The increase of £2,734,673 is due to the impairments of three companies offset by the removal of the cost of £824,528 of two companies that were impaired in a previous year that have been liquidated in the year,

### **10 Significant interests**

At 30 September 2022 the Company held significant investments, amounting to 3% or more of the equity capital of an undertaking, in the following companies:

	Total investment (at cost) £	(% of equity)	% of equity held by all funds managed and advised by Gresham House <sup>1</sup>
Preservica Limited	4,675,163	18.1%	57.9%
My Tutorweb Limited (trading as MyTutor)	3,361,778	7.2%	22.6%
Manufacturing Services Investment Limited (trading as Wetsuit Outlet)	3,205,182	8.8%	27.5%
Oxonica plc	2,524,527	10.6%	
Veritek Global Holdings Limited	2,289,859	21.7%	65.6%
Arkk Consulting Limited (trading as Arkk Solutions)	2,182,187	9.2%	30.1%
Vivacity Labs Limited	2,093,538	7.6%	25.4%
End Ordinary Group Limited (trading as Buster & Punch)	2,035,555	10.6%	34.6%
Data Discovery Solutions Limited (trading as Buster & Function)	1,975,681	10.0%	32.3%
CGI Creative Graphics International Limited	1,943,948	8.4%	
Spanish Restaurant Group Limited (trading as Tapas Revolution)	1,630,233	9.0%	29.0%
Rota Geek Limited	1,563,500	5.0 <i>%</i> 6.4%	20.3%
MPB Group Limited	1,510,992	4.5%	20.3%
Tharstern Group Limited	1,454,278	4.3%	55.0%
RDL Corporation Limited	1,441,667	12.8%	44.5%
Bleach London Holdings Limited	1,332,831	5.6%	18.4%
Bella & Duke Limited	1,323,745	6.6%	21.2%
Connect Childcare Limited	1,157,214	4.2%	14.4%
IPV Limited	954,674	8.5%	26.6%
Muller EV Limited (trading as Andersen EV) (in administration)	950,997	14.3%	45.0%
Legatics Holdings Limited	909,330	8.3%	27.3%
Pets' Kitchen Limited (trading as Vet's Klinic)	844,200	6.0%	20.0%
Proximity Insight Holdings Limited	807,000	3.3%	20.4%
BookingTek Limited	779,155	4.7%	14.9%
Caledonian Leisure Limited	748,749	9.0%	30.0%
Northern Bloc Ice Cream Limited	662,340	9.8%	31.1%
Racoon International Group Limited	655,851	14.3%	47.5%
Orri Limited	581,700	4.7%	28.4%
Jablite Holdings Limited (in members' voluntary liquidation)	498,790	12.1%	40.1%
Kudos Innovations Limited	472,500	3.4%	10.9%
Master Removers Group 2019 Limited			
(trading as Anthony Ward Thomas, Bishopsgate and Aussie Man & Van)	464,658	8.8%	28.0%
Aquasium Technology Holdings Limited	166,667	16.7%	16.7%
Biomer Technology Limited	137,170	3.5%	3.5%
Virgin Wines UK plc	65,288	11.8%	41.5%

The percentage of equity held for these companies is the fully diluted figure in the event that, for example, management of the investee company exercises share options where available.

All of the above companies are incorporated in the United Kingdom.

It is considered that, under FRS102 s9.9, "Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements", the above investments are held as part of an investment portfolio and that accordingly, their value to the Company lies in their marketable value as part of that portfolio and as such are not required to be consolidated. Also, the above investments are considered to be associates that are held as part of an investment portfolio and are accounted for in accordance with FRS102 14.4B.

### 11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts due within one year:		
Accrued income	848,654	200,128
Prepayments	20,538	14,515
Other debtors	-	2,244,990
	869,192	2,459,633

Other debtors of £2,244,990 in 2021 include proceeds generated from the realisation of Proactive Group Holdings Inc, as well as additional proceeds from the disposal of Vectair Holdings Limited received in the current year.

### 12 Current asset investments and Cash at bank

Cash equivalents, for the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, comprise bank deposits repayable on up to three months' notice and funds held in OEIC money-market funds. Current asset investments are the same but also include bank deposits that mature after three months. Current asset investments are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are readily convertible into known amounts of cash at their carrying values at immediate or up to one year's notice. Cash, for the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows is cash held with banks in accounts subject to immediate access. Cash at bank in the Balance Sheet is the same.

### OEIC Money market funds

Cash equivalents per Statement of Cash Flows Bank deposits that mature after three months

Current asset investments

Cash at bank

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors Other creditors Accruals

2022 £	2021 £
30,417,588	24,042,958
30,417,588 3,151,769	24,042,958 3,151,769
33,569,357	27,194,727
1,209,273	2,653,455

2022 £	2021 £
107,469 9,094 195,812	67,328 10,525 1,289,577
312,375	1,367,430

### 14 Called up share capital

	2022 £	2021 £
Allotted, called-up and fully paid: Ordinary Shares of 1p each: 129,481,901 (2021: 118,554,881)	1,294,819	1,185,549
Total	1,294,819	1,185,549

Under the Offer for Subscription launched on 20 January 2022, a total of 10,191,964 (2021: nil) ordinary shares were allotted at an average effective offer price of 94.86 pence per share, raising net funds of £9,667,754 (2021: £nil).

During the year, the Company purchased 1,166,089 (2021: 1,285,499) of its own ordinary shares for cash (representing 1.0% (2021: 1.1%) of the ordinary shares in issue at the start of the year) at the prevailing market price for a total cost of £1,031,358 (2021: £1,050,945). The shares bought back were subsequently cancelled. This figure is higher than that shown in the Statement of Cashflows of £1,031,123 by £235. This is due to an opening share buyback creditor of £41,664 offset by a share buyback creditor of £41,899 at the year end.

Under the terms of the Dividend Investment Scheme, a total of 1,901,145 (2021: 1,178,669) ordinary shares were allotted during the year for a total consideration of £1,808,042 (2021: £1,057,384).

### 15 Basic and diluted net asset value per share

	2022	2021
Net assets Number of shares in issue	£108,415,450 129,481,901	£119,086,274 118,554,881
Basic and diluted net asset value per share	83.73p	100.45p

### **16** Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments predominantly comprise investments held at fair value through profit and loss, namely equity and preference shares and fixed and floating rate interest securities that are held in accordance with the Company's investment objective.

Other financial instruments are held at amortised cost comprising loans and receivables being cash at bank, current asset investments and short term debtors, and financial liabilities being creditors, all that arise directly from the Company's operations

The principal purpose of these financial instruments is to generate revenue and capital appreciation for the Company's operations, although cash and current asset investments are held to yield revenue return only. The Company has no gearing or other financial liabilities apart from short-term creditors. It is, and has been throughout the year under review, the Company's policy that no trading in derivative financial instruments shall be undertaken.

The accounting policy for determining the fair value of investments is set out in Note 9 to the Financial Statements. The composition of investments held is shown below and in Note 9.

Loans and receivables and other financial liabilities are stated at amortised cost which the Directors consider is equivalent to fair value

### **Classification of financial instruments**

The Company held the following categories of financial instruments at 30 September 2022:

Assets at fair value through profit and loss:

Investment portfolio

### Loans and receivables held at amortised cost

Accrued income Current asset investments Cash at bank Other debtors

### **Financial liabilities**

Liabilities held at amortised cost

Other creditors

Total for financial instruments

Non financial instruments

### Net assets

The investment portfolio principally consists of unquoted investments - 91.8%; (2021: 80.9%) and AIM quoted stocks - 8.2%; (2021: 19.1%). The investment portfolio has a 100% (2021:100%) concentration of risk towards small UK based, sterling denominated companies, and represents 67.4% (2021: 74.0%) of net assets at the year-end.

Current asset investments are money market funds and bank deposits which, along with Cash at bank are discussed under credit risk below, represent 32.1% (2021: 25.1%) of net assets at the year-end.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are the investment risk and the liquidity risk of the unquoted portfolio. Other important risks are credit risk, fluctuations in market prices (market price risk), and cash flow interest rate risk, although currency risk is also discussed overleaf. The Board regularly reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised overleaf. These have been in place throughout the current and preceding years.

### Investment risk

The Company's investment portfolio is made up of predominantly UK companies which are not quoted on any recognised stock exchange, although 8.2% of the portfolio value at the year-end is held in AIM assets. The companies held in the portfolio are usually smaller than those which are quoted on a stock exchange. They are therefore usually regarded as carrying more risk compared to larger companies, as they are more sensitive to changes in key financial indicators, such as a reduction in its turnover or an increase in costs. The Board is of the view that the Investment Adviser mitigates this risk as the investment in an investee company is held as part of a portfolio of such companies so that the performance of one company does not significantly affect the value of the portfolio as a whole. The Investment Adviser also usually only recommends companies for investment that have a proven business model, a sound financial record and a strong management team. The Investment Adviser also usually takes a seat on the Board of each investee company such that it is able to monitor its progress on a regular basis and contribute to the strategic direction of the company.

### Liquidity risk

The investments in equity and fixed interest stocks of unquoted companies that the Company holds are not traded, and therefore they are not readily realisable. The ability of the Company to realise the investments at their carrying value may at times not be possible if there are no willing purchasers and, as the Company owns minority stakes, could require a number of months and the co-operation of other shareholders to achieve at a reasonable valuation. The Company's ability to sell investments may also be constrained by the requirements set down for VCTs. The maturity profile of the Company's loan stock investments disclosed within the consideration of credit risk below indicates that these assets are also not readily realisable until dates up to five years from the year end.

To counter these risks to the Company's liquidity, the Investment Adviser maintains sufficient cash and money market funds to meet running costs and other commitments. The Company invests its surplus funds in high quality money market funds/bank deposits of £34,778,630 (2021: £29,848,182) which are all accessible at varying points over the next 12 months. The Board also receives regular cash flow projections in order to manage this liquidity risk.

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2022 (Fair value) £	2021 (Fair value) £
73,080,003	88,145,889
848,654 33,569,357 1,209,273 -	200,128 27,194,727 2,653,455 2,244,990
(312,375)	(1,367,430)
108,394,912 20,538	119,071,759 14,515
108,415,450	119,086,274

### 16 Financial instruments (continued)

The table below shows a maturity analysis of financial liabilities:

Financial liabilities	<3 months £	3-6 months £	6-12 months £	over 12 months £	2022 Total £
Other creditors	208,092	104,283	-	-	312,375
Financial liabilities	<3 months £	3-6 months £	6-12 months £	over 12 months £	2021 Total £
Other creditors	272,162	1,095,268			1,367,430

The Company does not have any derivative financial liabilities.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company.

The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is:

	2022 £	2021 £
Loan stock investments Current asset investments Accrued income and other debtors Cash at bank	9,438,547 33,569,357 848,654 1,209,273	12,121,582 27,194,727 2,445,118 2,653,455
	45,065,831	44,414,882

The Company has an exposure to credit risk in respect of the loan stock investments it has made into investee companies, most of which have no security attached to them, and in a minority of cases, such security ranks beneath any bank debt that an investee company may owe. The loan stock is held in companies with turnover under £50 million, which may be considered less stable than larger, longer established businesses. The Investment Adviser undertakes extensive financial and commercial due diligence before recommending an investment to the Board. The Investment Adviser usually takes a seat on the Board of each investee company and the Board of the VCT receives regular updates on each company at each quarter end.

The following table shows the maturity of the loan stock investments referred to above. In some cases, the loan maturities are not the contractual ones, but are the best estimate using management's expectations of when it is likely that such loans may be repaid.

Repayable within	2022 £	2021 £
0 to 1 year	6,217,750	2,095,309
1 to 2 years	1,067,944	4,640,298
2 to 3 years	311,655	3,501,382
3 to 4 years	1,017,980	155,833
4 to 5 years	823,218	1,408,169
> 5 years	-	320,591
Total	9,438,547	12,121,582

Included within loan stock investments above are loans at a carrying value of £3,482,808 (2021: £6,555,305) which are past their repayment date but have been re-negotiated. Loans which are past their repayment date but which have not been renegotiated have a carrying value of £1,859,656 (2021: £65,779). These loan stock investments are made as part of the qualifying investments within the investment portfolio, and the risk management processes applied to the loan stock investments have already been set out under market price risk below.

An aged analysis of the loan stock investments included above, which are past due but not individually impaired, is set out below. For this purpose, these loans are considered to be past due when any payment due date under the loan's contractual terms (such as payment of interest) is received late or missed. The loans in the table below are all considered to be past due either because interest on the loan is outstanding or the loan has passed its contracted redemption date. We are required to report in this format and include the full value of the loan even though, in some cases, it is only in respect of interest that they are in default.

	0-6 months	6-12 months	over 12 months	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Loans to investee companies past due	-	-	3,031,646	3,031,646
	0-6 months	6-12 months	over 12 months	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Loans to investee companies past due	-	-	3,156,302	3,156,302

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents, deposits with banks and amounts held in liquidity funds. There is a risk of liquidity fund defaults such that there could be defaults within their underlying portfolios that could affect the values at which the Company could sell its holdings. As there are five OEIC money market funds holding £30,417,588 (2021: £24,042,958) which are all triple A rated funds, and along with bank deposits of £4,361,042 (2021: £5,805,224) at three well-known financial institutions with a minimum credit rating of A, credit risk is considered to be relatively low in current circumstances. The Board manages credit risk in respect of these money market funds and cash by ensuring a spread of such investments such that none should exceed 15% of the company's total investment assets. The Company's current account totalling £168,808 (2021: £1,612,044) included within the balance above is held with Natwest Bank plc, so the risk of default is low.

There could also be a failure by counter-parties to deliver securities which the Company has paid for, or pay for securities which the Company has delivered. This risk is considered to be small as most of the Company's investment transactions are in unquoted investments, where investments are conducted through solicitors, to ensure that payment matches delivery. In respect of any quoted investment transactions that are undertaken, the Company uses brokers with a high credit quality, and these trades usually have a short settlement period. Accordingly, counterparty risk is considered to be relatively low.

### Market price risk

Market price risk arises from uncertainty about the future valuations of financial instruments held in accordance with the Company's investment objectives. These future valuations are determined by many factors but include the operational and financial performance of the underlying investee companies, as well as market perceptions of the future performance of the UK economy and its impact upon the economic environment in which these companies operate. This risk represents the potential loss that the Company might suffer through holding its investment portfolio in the face of market movements, which was a maximum of £73,080,003 (2021: £88,145,889), the fair value of the investment portfolio at the year-end.

### 16 Financial instruments (continued)

The investments in equity and fixed interest stocks of unquoted companies that the Company holds are not traded and as such the prices are more uncertain than those of more widely traded securities. As, in a number of cases, the unquoted investments are valued by reference to price earnings ratios prevailing in quoted comparable sectors (discounted for points of difference from quoted comparators), their valuations are exposed to changes in the price earnings ratios that exist in the quoted markets.

The Board's strategy in managing the market price risk inherent in the Company's portfolio of equities and loan stock investments is determined by the requirement to meet the Company's Objective, as set out on page 5. As part of the investment management process, the Board seeks to maintain an appropriate spread of market risk, and also has full and timely access to relevant information from the Investment Adviser. No single investment is permitted to exceed 15% of total investment assets at the point of investment. The Investment Committee meets regularly and reviews the investment performance, financial results and prevailing market conditions, as well as compliance with the Company's objectives. The Company does not use derivative instruments to hedge against market risk.

### Market price risk sensitivity

The Board believes that the Company's assets are mainly exposed to market price risk, as the Company is required to hold most of its assets in the form of sterling denominated investments in small companies.

Although a relatively small part of these assets are quoted on AIM, nearly all of these assets are unquoted. All of the investments made by the Investment Adviser in unquoted companies, irrespective of the instruments the Company actually holds, (whether shares, preference shares or loan stock) carry a full market risk, even though some of the loan stocks may be secured on assets, but behind any prior ranking bank debt in the investee company.

The Board considers that the value of investments in equity and loan stock instruments are ultimately sensitive to changes in their trading performance (discussed under investment risk above) and to changes in quoted share prices, insofar as such changes eventually affect the enterprise value of unquoted companies. The table below shows the impact on profit and net assets if there were to be a 20% (2021: 20%) movement in overall share prices, and has used a 20% change in the quoted market comparator multiple as a proxy for this.

The sensitivity analysis below assumes the actual portfolio of investments held by the Company is perfectly correlated to this overall movement in share prices. However, Shareholders should note that this level of correlation is unlikely to be the case in reality, particularly in the case of small, unquoted companies which may have other factors which may influence the extent of the valuation change, e.g. a strong niche brand may limit the valuation fall compared to comparators, or may be more affected by external market factors than larger companies.

For each of the companies in the investment portfolio that are valued on a multiple basis, the calculation below has applied plus and minus 20% to the multiple (such as earnings or revenue) derived from quoted market comparators that are used to value the companies. The companies valued on a bid price or multiple basis represent £71.77 million (2021: £86.47 million) of the total investment portfolio of £73.08 million (2021: £88.15 million). The remainder of the portfolio is valued at either price of recent investment or net asset value, as shown below.

The impact of a change of 20% (2021: 20%) has been selected as this is considered reasonable given the level of volatility observed both on a historical basis and market expectations for future movement.

	2022 Profit and net assets £	2021 Profit and net assets £
If overall share prices increased/(decreased) by 20% (2021: 20%), with all other variables held constant – increase/(decrease)	11,529,993 / (10,768,555)	12,403,897 / (12,580,598)
Increase/(decrease) in earnings, and net asset value, per Ordinary share (in pence)	8.90p / (8.32)p	10.46p / (10.61)p

### Cash flow interest rate risk

The Company's fixed and floating rate interest securities, its equity and preference equity investments and net revenue may be affected by interest rate movements. Investments are often in relatively small businesses, which are relatively high risk investments sensitive to interest rate fluctuations.

Due to the short time to maturity of some of the Company's floating rate investments, it may not be possible to re-invest in assets which provide the same rates as those currently held. The Company's assets include fixed and floating rate interest instruments, as shown below. The rate of interest earned is regularly reviewed by the Board, as part of the risk management processes applied to these instruments, already disclosed under market price risk above.

### The interest rate profile of the Company's financial net assets at 30 September 2022 was:

	Financial net assets on which no interest paid	Fixed rate financial assets	Variable rate financial assets	Total	Weighted average interest rate	Average period to maturity
	finterest paid	£	£	£	%	(years)
Equity shares	61,319,000	-	-	61,319,000		
Preference shares	-	2,322,456	-	2,322,456	5.7%	3.1
Loan stocks	-	9,438,547	-	9,438,547	5.9%	1.7
Current asset investments	-	-	33,569,357	33,569,357	0.9%	-
Cash	-	-	1,209,273	1,209,273	0.0%	-
Debtors	848,654	-	-	848,654		
Creditors	(312,375)	-	-	(312,375)		
Total for financial instruments	61,855,279	11,761,003	34,778,630	108,394,912		
Other non financial assets	20,538	-	-	20,538		
Net assets	61,875,817	11,761,003	34,778,630	108,415,450		

The interest rate profile of the Company's financial net assets at 30 September 2021 was:

	Financial net assets on which no interest paid	Fixed rate financial assets	Variable rate financial assets	Total	Weighted average interest rate	Average period to maturity
	£	£	£	£	%	(years)
Equity shares	74,624,115	-	-	74,624,115		
Preference shares	-	1,400,192	-	1,400,192	6.2%	4.2
Loan stocks	-	12,121,582	-	12,121,582	7.7%	2.1
Current asset investments	-	-	27,194,727	27,194,727	0.1%	0.1
Cash	-	-	2,653,455	2,653,455	0.0%	-
Debtors	2,445,118	-	-	2,445,118		
Creditors	(1,367,430)	-	-	(1,367,430)		
Total for financial instruments	75,701,803	13,521,774	29,848,182	119,071,759		
Other non financial assets	14,515	-	-	14,515		
Net assets	75,716,318	13,521,774	29,848,182	119,086,274		

Note: Weighted average interest rates above are derived by calculating the expected annual income that would be earned on each asset (but only for those sums that are currently regarded as collectible and would therefore be recognised), divided by the values for each asset class at the balance sheet date.

Variable rate cash earns interest based on SONIA rates.

The Company's investments in equity shares and similar instruments have been excluded from the interest rate risk profile as they have no maturity date and would thus distort the weighted average period information.

### Cash flow interest rate sensitivity

Although the Company holds investments in loan stocks that pay interest, the Board does not consider it appropriate to assess the impact of interest rate changes in isolation upon the value of the unquoted investment portfolio, as interest rate changes are only one factor affecting the market price movements that are discussed above under market price risk. However, as the Company has a substantial proportion of its assets in cash and money market funds, the table below shows the sensitivity of income earned to changes in interest rates in these instruments:

### 16 Financial instruments (continued)

	2022 Profit and net assets £	2021 Profit and net assets £
If interest rates increased/(decreased) by 3% (2021: 1%) with all other variables held constant — increase/(decrease)	845,121 / (845,121)	241,770 / (241,770)
Increase/(decrease) in earnings, and net asset value, per Ordinary share (in pence)	0.65p / (0.65)p	0.20p / (0.20)p

### Currency risk

All assets and liabilities are denominated in sterling and therefore there is no currency risk, although a number of investee companies do trade overseas, so do face some exposure to currency risk in their operations.

### Fair value hierarchy

The table below sets out fair value measurements using FRS 102 s11.27 fair value hierarchy.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss At 30 September 2022	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Equity investments	6,028,141	-	55,290,859	61,319,000
Preference shares Loan stock investments	-	-	2,322,456 9,438,547	2,322,456 9,438,547
Total	6,028,141	-	67,051,862	73,080,003

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss At 30 September 2021	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Equity investments	16,841,633	-	57,782,482	74,624,115
Preference shares	-	-	1,400,192	1,400,192
Loan stock investments	-	-	12,121,582	12,121,582
Total	16,841,633	-	71,304,256	88,145,889

A reconciliation of fair value measurements in Level 3 is set out below:

	Equity	Preference	Loan stock investments	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance at 1 October 2021	57,782,482	1,400,192	12,121,582	71,304,256
Purchases	5,321,660	779,200	1,235,581	7,336,441
Sales	(8,678,965)	-	(2,875,681)	(11,554,646)
Reclassification at value	578,640	-	(578,640)	-
Total gains/(losses) included in Income Statement:				-
- on assets sold	2,317,106	-	-	2,317,106
- on assets held at the year-end	(2,030,064)	143,064	(464,295)	(2,351,295)
Closing balance at 30 September 2022	55,290,859	2,322,456	9,438,547	67,051,862

There are currently no financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss.

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant asset as follows:

Level 1 – valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets

Level 2 – valued by reference to valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1. Level 3 - valued by reference to valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data.

The valuation techniques used by the company are explained in the accounting policies in Note 9 to these Financial Statements.

As detailed in the accounting policy for Note 9, where investments are valued on an earnings-multiple basis, the main input used for this basis of valuation is a suitable price-earnings ratio taken from a comparable sector on the quoted market, which is then appropriately adjusted for points of difference. Thus any change in share prices can have a significant effect on the fair value measurements of the Level 3 investments, as they may not be wholly offset by the adjustment for points of difference.

The key estimate in the financial statements is the determination of the unquoted portfolio value held at the balance sheet date. The valuation process involves using unobservable estimates (for which market data is not available). Fair value estimates are verified against third-party data where available. The risk of over or underestimation of fair values is greater when methodologies are applied using more subjective inputs.

The unquoted portfolio valuation process involves key assumptions dependent upon the valuation methodology used. The primary methodologies are shown under Note 9. Consideration is given to the circumstances as at the each measurement date, including changes in the market or performance of the investee company. Milestone analysis is used where appropriate to incorporate the operational progress of the investee company into the valuation. The key assumptions for the Multiples basis approach are the selection of comparable companies on which to determine earnings or revenue multiple (chosen on the basis of their business characteristics and growth patterns). Other assumptions include the appropriateness of the discount magnitude applied for reduced liquidity and other qualitative factors.

Level 3 unquoted equity and loan stock investments are valued in accordance with the IPEV guidelines as follows:

### Valuation methodology

Multiple of earnings, revenues or gross margin, as appropriate Recent investment price Recent investment price (reviewed for impairment) Estimated realisation proceeds

### Total

The unquoted equity investments had the following movements between valuation methodologies between 30 September 2021 and 30 September 2022:

Change in valuation methodology (2021 to 2022)	Carrying value as at 30 September 2022 £	Explanatory note		
Recent investment price (reviewed for impairment) basis to multiple basis	1,611,551	Multiple basis is a more appropriate basis for determining fair value.		

The valuation will be the most appropriate valuation methodology for an investment within its market, with regard to the financial health of the investment and the December 2018 IPEV guidelines. The Directors believe that, within these parameters, these are the most appropriate methods of valuation which would be reasonable as at 30 September 2022.

30 September 2022 £	30 September 2021 £
65,739,462	69,628,026
1,246,621	1,293,451
-	317,000
65,779	65,779
-	-
67,051,862	71,304,256

### 17 Management of capital

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and to provide an adequate return to shareholders by allocating its capital to assets commensurate with the level of risk.

By its nature, the Company has an amount of capital, at least 80% (as measured under the tax legislation) of which is and must be, and remain, invested in the relatively high risk asset class of small UK companies within three years of that capital being subscribed. The Company accordingly has limited scope to manage its capital structure in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. Subject to this overall constraint upon changing the capital structure, the group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares, or sell assets if so required to maintain a level of liquidity to remain a going concern.

Although, as the Investment Policy implies, the Board would consider levels of gearing, there are no current plans to do so. It regards the net assets of the Company as the Company's capital, as the level of liabilities are small and the management of them is not directly related to managing the return to shareholders. There has been no change in this approach from the previous year.

### **18 Segmental analysis**

The operations of the Company are wholly in the United Kingdom, from one class of business.

### **19** Post balance sheet events

On 20 October 2022, Muller EV Limited (trading as Andersen EV) entered into administration.

On 21 October 2022, the Company received a loan repayment of £0.66 million from Jablite Holdings Limited

On 7 November 2022, the Company paid a 4.00 pence per share dividend to shareholders in respect of the year ended 30 September 2022.

On 17 November 2022, 16,936,303 Ordinary Shares were allotted at an average effective offer price of 82.73 per share, raising net funds of £13.50 million.

On 24 November 2022, proceeds were received in respect of the sale of the equity holding in EOTH Limited totalling £7.34 million (including preference dividends).

# **Information for Shareholders**

# Shareholder Information

### **Communication with Shareholders**

We aim to communicate regularly with our Shareholders. The annual general meetings provide a useful platform for the Board to meet Shareholders and exchange views and we are pleased to be able to hold a physical meeting again in 2023. We will also offer a facility whereby you can view the Board, the Investment Adviser's presentation and submit questions remotely via live stream. Your Board welcomes your attendance at the February Annual General Meeting to give you the opportunity to meet the Directors and representatives of the Investment Adviser. The Company releases Interim Management Statements in respect of those quarters where it does not publish half or full year accounts via the London Stock Exchange RNS service. The Investment Adviser has held its annual Shareholder event virtually in February 2022 and plans to hold another such event in early 2023. Further details can be found on the Company's website at www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk, under "Key Shareholder Information".

Shareholders wishing to follow the Company's progress can visit its website at www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk. The website includes up-to-date details on fund performance and dividends as well as publicly available information on the Company's portfolio of investments and copies of company reports. There is also a link to the London Stock Exchange's website at: www.londonstockexchange.com, where Shareholders can obtain details of the share price and latest NAV announcements, etc.

### Financial calendar

22 February 2023	Annual General Meeting
23 March 2023	Virtual Shareholder Event
June 2023	Announcement of Half-Year Results and circu
	31 March 2023 to Shareholders
30 September 2023	Year-end
December 2023	Annual Report for the year ended 30 Septem

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Company's next Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 11.00 am at the offices of Shakespeare Martineau LLP, 6th Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London EC3V OHR and will also be available by webcast for those Shareholders who are unable to attend in person. Details of how to join the meeting by virtual means will be shown on the Company's website. Shareholders joining virtually should note you will not be able to vote at the meeting and therefore you are encouraged to lodge your proxy form, which is included with Shareholders' copies of this Annual Report, or on-line at www. signalshares.com. A copy of the notice of the meeting is included on pages 84 to 86. Shareholders may send any questions on the resolutions proposed to the following email address: AGM@greshamhouse.com. A response will be provided prior to the deadline for lodging your proxy vote. Questions for the Annual General Meeting can also be submitted using the same email address or there will be a facility to type in a question at the meeting itself if you are not attending in person.

### Dividend

Shareholders who wish to have dividends paid directly into their bank account rather than sent by cheque to their registered address can complete a mandate for this purpose. Mandates can be obtained by contacting the Company's Registrars, Link Group at the address given on page 87.

Shareholders are encouraged to ensure that the Registrar maintains up-to-date details for yourselves and to check whether you have received all dividends payable to you. This is particularly important if you have recently moved house or changed bank details. We are aware that a number of dividends remain unclaimed by Shareholders and whilst we will endeavour to contact Shareholders if this is the case we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so if the Registrar do not have an up-to-date postal or email address for you.

### Dividend Investment Scheme ("DIS")

Those Shareholders who wish to participate, or to amend their existing participation, in the DIS, can do so by visiting www.incomeandgrowthyct.co.uk and click the Dividends tab or by contacting the Registrar directly using the details on page 87. Please note that Shareholders' elections to participate or amendments to participation in the Scheme require 15 days to become effective.

### Selling your shares

The Company's Shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and as such they can be sold in the same way as any other guoted company through a stockbroker. Shareholders are also advised to discuss their individual tax position with their financial advisor before deciding to sell their shares.

The Company is unable to buy back shares direct from Shareholders, so you will need to use a stockbroker to sell your shares. If you are considering selling your shares or trading in the secondary market, please contact the Company's Corporate Broker, Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited ("Panmure"). Panmure is able to provide details of close periods (when the Company is prohibited from buying in shares) and details of the price at which the Company has bought in shares.

Panmure can be contacted as follows:

Chris Lloyd - 0207 886 2716 Paul Nolan - 0207 886 2717

chris.lloyd@panmure.com paul.nolan@panmure.com culation of Half-Year Report for the six months ended

mber 2023 to be circulated to Shareholders

# **Shareholder Information**

### Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") and Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")

Tax legislation was introduced with effect from 1 January 2016 under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information. The legislation requires investment trust companies to provide personal and financial account information to HMRC on certain investors who purchase their shares including details of their shareholding and income from the shares. As an affected entity, the Company has to provide information annually to HMRC relating to a number of non-UK based certificated Shareholders who are deemed to be resident for tax purposes in any of the 90 plus countries who have joined CRS. All new Shareholders, excluding those whose shares are held in CREST, who are entered onto the share register from 1 January 2016 will be asked to provide the relevant information. Additionally, HMRC changed its policy position on FATCA in June 2016. We understand that this will mean that, as a result of the restricted secondary market in VCT shares, the Company's shares will not be considered to be "regularly traded". This will mean that the Company will also be an affected entity for the purposes of this legislation and as such will have to provide information annually to HMRC relating to Shareholders who are resident for tax purposes in the United States.

For further information, please see HMRC's Quick Guide: Automatic Exchange of Information – information for account holders: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exchange-of-information-account-holders.

### Managing your shareholding online

For details on your individual shareholding and to manage your account online Shareholders may log into or register with the Link Shareholder Portal at: www.signalshares.com. You can use the portal to change your address details, check your holding balance and transactions, view the dividends you have received and add and amend your bank details.

### Fraud Warning

Boiler Room fraud and unsolicited communications to Shareholders.

We have been made aware of an increase in the number of Shareholders being contacted in connection with sophisticated but fraudulent financial scams which purport to come from the Company or to be authorised by it. This is often by a phone call or an email usually originating from outside of the UK, often claiming or appearing to be from a corporate finance firm and typically offering to buy your VCT shares at an inflated price.

Further information on boiler room scams and fraud advice plus who to contact, can be found first in the answer to a question "What should I do if I receive an unsolicited offer for my shares?" within the VCT Investor area of the Investment Adviser's website in the A Guide to VCTs section: www.mobeusvcts.co.uk/investor-area and secondly, in a link to the FCA's ScamSmart site: www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart

We strongly recommend that you seek financial advice before taking any action if you remain in any doubt. You can also contact the Investment Adviser on 020 7382 0999, or email or email info@greshamhouse.com to check whether any claims made by a caller are genuine.

Shareholders are also encouraged to ensure their personal data is always held securely and that data held by the Registrar of the Company is up to date, to avoid cases of identity fraud.

### Shareholder enquiries:

For enquiries concerning the investment portfolio or the Company in general, please contact the Investment Adviser, Gresham House Asset Management Limited. To contact the Chair or any member of Board, please contact the Company Secretary, also Gresham House Asset Management Limited, in the first instance.

The Registrar may be contacted via their Shareholder Portal, post or telephone for queries relating to your shareholding or dividend payments, dividend mandate forms, change of address, change of bank details etc.

Full contact details for each of Gresham House Asset Management and Link are included under Corporate Information on page 87 of this Annual Report.

## **Timeline of the Company**

October 2000	The Company is launched as TriVest VCT plc advised by three managers, Foresight Group, GLE Development Capital and LICA Development Capital.
April 2001	The Company's first fundraising of its "O Share Fund" is completed.
October 2007	The Company changes its name to The Income & Growth VCT plc.
December 2007	The 'S' Share Fund is launched.
March 2009	The Company becomes a VCT solely advised by Matrix Private Equity Partners. The Company changes its Investment Policy to focus on more mature businesses.
March 2010	The 'O' Share Fund (launched in 2000) merges with the 'S' Share Fund (launched in 2007) to create the current class of shares.
November 2011	The Company sells its stake in App-DNA for 32 times cost and pays a special interim capital dividend of 20p per share in the following January.
June 2012	Matrix Private Equity Partners LLP becomes a fully independent firm owned by its partners and renames itself Mobeus Equity Partners LLP.
2010-2014	The Company participates in four linked fundraisings with other Mobeus advised VCTs.
March 2015	The Company closes a successful fundraising with the other Mobeus advised VCTs in which £10 million was raised for the Company.
March 2018	The Company closes a successful fundraising with the other Mobeus advised VCTs in which £25 million was raised for the Company.

October 2019	The Company launches a joint fundraising with the other Mc including an optional over-allotment facility.
January 2020	The Company closes a successful fundraising with the other Company.
September 2021	The Company becomes advised by Gresham House Asset
March 2022	The Company closes a successful fundraising with the other Company.
December 2022	The Company reaches its capacity for its fundraising with th allotment) was raised for the Company.

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# Performance Data at 30 September 2022

## (unaudited)

Share price at 30 September 2022	81.50p <sup>1</sup>
NAV per share as at 30 September 2022	83.73p

### Performance data for all fundraising rounds

The following table shows, for all investors in The Income & Growth VCT plc, how their investments have performed since they were originally allotted shares in each fundraising.

Shareholders from the original fundraising in 2000/01 should note that the funds were managed by three investment advisers, up until 10 March 2009. At that date, Mobeus became the sole adviser, to this and all subsequent fundraisings.

Total return data, which includes cumulative dividends paid to date, is shown on both a share price and a NAV basis as at 30 September 2022. The NAV basis enables Shareholders to evaluate more clearly the performance of the Fund, as it reflects the underlying value of the portfolio at the reporting date. This is the most widely used measure of performance in the VCT sector.

Allotment date(s)		I		Total return per share to Shareholders since allotment			
	Allotment price (p)	Net allotment price <sup>2</sup> (p)	Cumulative dividends paid per share (p)	(Share price basis) (p)	(NAV basis) (p)	% increase since 30 September 2021 (NAV basis)	
Funds raised - O Fund <sup>3</sup> (launched 18 October 2000)							
Between 3 November 2000 and 11 May 2001	100.00	60.62	131.58	190.31	195.03	(3.3)%	
Funds raised 2007/8 - S Share fund (launched 14 December 2007)							
Between 1 April 2008 and 6 June 2008	100.00	70.00	144.50	193.34	228.23	(3.7)%	
Funds raised 2010/11 (launched 12 November 2010)							
21 January 2011	104.80	73.36	144.00	225.50	227.73	(3.7)%	
28 February 2011	107.90	75.53	142.00	223.50	225.73	(3.7)%	
22 March 2011	105.80	74.06	142.00	223.50	225.73	(3.7)%	
1 April 2011	105.80	74.06	140.00	221.50	223.73	(3.8)%	
5 April 2011	105.80	74.06	140.00	221.50	223.73	(3.8)%	
10 May 2011	105.80	74.06	140.00	221.50	223.73	(3.8)%	
6 July 2011	106.00	74.20	140.00	221.50	223.73	(3.8)%	
Funds raised 2012 (launched 20 January 2012)							
8 March 2012	106.40	74.48	116.00	197.50	199.73	(4.2)%	
4 April 2012	106.40	74.48	116.00	197.50	199.73	(4.2)%	
5 April 2012	106.40	74.48	116.00	197.50	199.73	(4.2)%	
10 May 2012	106.40	74.48	116.00	197.50	199.73	(4.2)%	
10 July 2012	111.60	78.12	116.00	197.50	199.73	(4.2)%	
Funds raised 2013 (launched 29 November 2012)							
14 January 2013	116.00	81.20	116.00	197.50	199.73	(4.2)%	
28 March 2013	112.60	78.82	110.00	191.50	193.73	(4.3)%	
4 April 2013	112.60	78.82	110.00	191.50	193.73	(4.3)%	
5 April 2013	112.60	78.82	110.00	191.50	193.73	(4.3)%	
10 April 2013 Pre RDR <sup>4</sup>	115.30	80.71	110.00	191.50	193.73	(4.3)%	
10 April 2013 Post RDR <sup>4</sup>	112.60	78.82	110.00	191.50	193.73	(4.3)%	
7 May 2013	112.60	78.82	110.00	191.50	193.73	(4.3)%	

<sup>1</sup> - Source: Panmure Gordon & Co (mid-price basis). Share price has been adjusted for a 4.00 pence dividend paid on 7 November 2022 which was ex-dividend at the year end.

<sup>2</sup> - Net allotment price is the allotment price less applicable income tax relief. Income tax relief was 20% up until 5 April 2004, 40% from 6 April 2004 to 5 April 2006, and 30% thereafter

3 - Shareholders who invested in 2000/01 received 0.7578 shares in the current share class for each share previously held on 29 March 2010, when the Company's two share classes merged. The net allotment price, NAV, cumulative dividend, total return, share price and percentage return data per share have been adjusted to reflect this conversion ratio.

<sup>4</sup> - RDR means the date of implementation of the Retail Distribution Review on 31 December 2012, which affected the level of charges in the allotment price for applications received before and after that date.

Allotment date(s)				Total return per share to Shareholders since allotment				
	Allotment price (p)	Net allotment price <sup>1</sup> (p)	Cumulative dividends paid per share (p)	(Share price basis) (p)	(NAV basis) (p)	% increase since 30 September 2021 (NAV basis)		
Funds raised 2014 (launched 28 November 2013)								
9 January 2014	117.82 <sup>2</sup>	82.47	104.00	185.50	187.73	(4.4)%		
11 February 2014	119.02 <sup>2</sup>	83.31	104.00	185.50	187.73	(4.4)%		
31 March 2014	115.64 <sup>2</sup>	80.95	100.00	181.50	183.73	(4.5)%		
3 April 2014	116.17 <sup>2</sup>	81.32	100.00	181.50	183.73	(4.5)%		
4 April 2014	115.45 <sup>2</sup>	80.82	100.00	181.50	183.73	(4.5)%		
6 June 2014	121.55 <sup>2</sup>	85.09	100.00	181.50	183.73	(4.5)%		
Funds raised 2015 (launched 10 December 2014)								
14 January 2015	108.33 <sup>2</sup>	75.83	86.00	167.50	169.73	(4.9)%		
17 February 2015	113.17 <sup>2</sup>	79.22	86.00	167.50	169.73	(4.9)%		
10 March 2015	109.88 <sup>2</sup>	76.92	82.00	163.50	165.73	(5.0)%		
Funds raised 2017/18 (launched 06 September 2017)								
28 September 2017	82.49 <sup>2</sup>	57.74	42.00	123.50	125.73	(6.5)%		
20 October 2017	82.67 <sup>2</sup>	57.87	42.00	123.50	125.73	(6.5)%		
9 November 2017	83.20 <sup>2</sup>	58.24	42.00	123.50	125.73	(6.5)%		
20 November 2017	84.54 <sup>2</sup>	59.18	42.00	123.50	125.73	(6.5)%		
21 November 2017	84.50 <sup>2</sup>	59.15	42.00	123.50	125.73	(6.5)%		
24 January 2018	81.27 <sup>2</sup>	56.89	39.00	116.50	122.73	(6.6)%		
13 March 2018	82.32 <sup>2</sup>	57.62	39.00	116.50	122.73	(6.6)%		
Funds raised 2019/20 (launched 25 October 2019)								
8 January 2020	77.28 <sup>2</sup>	54.10	27.00	108.50	110.73	(7.3)%		
Funds raised 2021/22 (launched 20 January 2022)								
9 March 2022	98.12 <sup>2</sup>	68.68	4.00	85.50	87.73	-		

<sup>1</sup> - Net allotment price is the allotment price less applicable income tax relief. Income tax relief was 20% up until 5 April 2004, 40% from 6 April 2004 to 5 April 2006, and 30% thereafter.

<sup>2</sup> - Average effective offer price. Shares were allotted pursuant to the 2014, 2015, 2017/18, 2019/20 and 2021/22 offers at individual prices for each investor in accordance with its pricing formula set out in each offer's respective securities note.

# **Cumulative dividends paid**

	Funds raised 2000/01 'O' Share Fund (p)	Funds raised 2007/08 'S' Share Fund (p)	Funds raised 2010/11 (p)	Funds raised 2012 (p)	Funds raised 2013 (p)	Funds raised 2014 (p)	Funds raised 2015 (p)	Funds raised 2017/18 (p)	Funds raised 2019/20 (p)	Funds raised 2021/22 (p)
7 July 2022	3.03	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
7 January 2022	3.03	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	
23 July 2021	3.79 <sup>1</sup>	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
28 September 2020	8.34 <sup>1</sup>	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	
07 October 2020	2.27 <sup>1</sup>	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
18 October 2019	3.41 <sup>1</sup>	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50		
12 July 2019	1.14 <sup>1</sup>	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50		
15 February 2019	2.65 <sup>1</sup>	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50		
21 June 2018	1.89 <sup>1</sup>	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50		
15 February 2018	2.27 <sup>1</sup>	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		
31 August 2017	11.37 <sup>1</sup>	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00			
20 June 2017	2.27 <sup>1</sup>	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00			
15 February 2017	3.03 <sup>1</sup>	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			
07 July 2016	4.55 <sup>1</sup>	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00			
15 February 2016	4.55 <sup>1</sup>	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00			
30 June 2015	4.55 <sup>1</sup>	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00			
20 March 2015	3.03 <sup>1</sup>	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			
30 October 2014	6.06 <sup>1</sup>	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00				
03 July 2014	4.55 <sup>1</sup>	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00				
12 March 2014	3.03 <sup>1</sup>	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00				
27 June 2013	4.55 <sup>1</sup>	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00					
08 February 2013	4.55 <sup>1</sup>	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00					
15 February 2012	3.02 <sup>1</sup>	4.00	4.00							
27 January 2012	15.16 <sup>1</sup>	20.00	20.00							
28 March 2011	1.52 <sup>1</sup>	2.00	2.00							
22 February 2011	1.52 <sup>1</sup>	2.00	2.00							
29 March 2010 Merger	r of the 'O' ar	d 'S' Share	Funds							
17 March 2010	2.00	0.50								
16 February 2009	4.00									
15 February 2008	2.00									
24 October 2007	2.00									
15 February 2007	3.75									
14 February 2006	3.25									
04 February 2005	1.25									
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### Alternative performance measure ("APM")

A financial measure of historical or future financial performance, financial position, or cash flows, other than a financial measure defined or specified in the Company's financial reporting framework. These APMs tend to be industry specific terms which help Shareholders to understand and assess the Company's progress. A number of terms contained within this Glossary have been identified as APMs.

### Cumulative dividends paid (APM)

The total amount of dividend distributions by the Company over the time period specified. A list of all dividends paid since launch of the Company is shown on the Company's website <u>www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.uk</u>. Dividends paid in the year and dividends paid in respect of the year are shown in Note 8.

### Cumulative total return (APM)

Cumulative total return per share comprises the NAV per share (NAV basis) or the mid-market price per share (Share price basis). plus cumulative dividends paid since the launch of the current share class in 2008.

### Internal Rate of Return ("IRR")

The internal rate of return is the annual discount rate that equates the original investment cost with the value of subsequent cash flows (such as receipts/dividends or further investment) and the latest valuation/exit proceeds or net asset value. Generally speaking, the higher an investment's IRR, the more successful it is.

### Net asset value or NAV

The value of the Company's total assets less its total liabilities. It is equal to the total equity Shareholders' funds.

### Net asset value per share or NAV per share

The net asset value per share is calculated as total equity Shareholders' funds divided by the number of Ordinary shares in issue at the year-end.

### NAV Total Return (APM)

This measure combines two types of returns received by Shareholders. Firstly, as income in the form of dividends and secondly, as capital movements (net asset value) of the value of the Fund.

It is a performance measure that adjusts for dividends that have been paid in a period or year. This allows Shareholders to assess the returns they have received both in terms of the performance of the Company but also including dividends they have received from the Company which no longer form part of the Company's assets.

It is calculated as the percentage return achieved after taking the closing NAV per share and adding dividends paid in the year and dividing the total by the opening NAV per share. The Directors feel that this is the most meaningful method for Shareholders to assess the performance of the Company.

To aid comparison with the wider Investment Trust market, the Annual Report also contains a Total Return performance measure which assumes dividends are reinvested. This assumes that dividends paid are reinvested at the date of payment at a price equivalent to the latest announced NAV at the ex-div date. Where this is referred to it will be specified in the Notes.

### Ongoing charges ratio (APM)

This figure, calculated using the AIC recommended methodology, shows Shareholders the annual percentage reduction in shareholder returns as a result of recurring operational expenses, assuming markets remain static and the portfolio is not traded. Although the Ongoing Charges figure primarily is based upon historic information, it provides Shareholders with an indication of the likely level of costs that will be incurred in managing the Fund in the future. This is calculated by dividing the Investment Adviser's fees of £2,635,892 and other expenses of £539,819 (per Notes 4a and 4c on pages 57 to 58), the latter being reduced by IFA Trail commission fees and one-off fees, by the average net assets throughout the year of £119,971,903.

### Realised gains/(losses) in the year

This is the profit or loss that arises following the full or partial disposal of a holding in a portfolio company. It is calculated by deducting the value of the holding as at the previous year-end from the proceeds received in respect of such disposal.

### Share Price Total Return (APM)

As NAV Total Return, but the Company's mid-market share price is used in place of NAV. This measure more accurately reflects the actual return a Shareholder will have earned, were they to sell their shares at the period's end date. It includes the impact of any discounts or premiums at which the share price trades compared to the underlying net asset values of the Company. If the shares trade at a discount, the returns could be less than the NAV Total Return, but if trading at a premium, returns could be higher than the NAV Total Return.

12 February 2003

18 February 2002

Total dividends paid

<sup>1</sup> - The dividends paid after the merger, on the former 'O' Share Fund shareholdings, have been restated to take account of the merger conversion ratio.

116.00

104.00

86.00

42.00

27.00

4.00

144.50 144.00 116.00

The above data relates to an investor in the first allotment of each fundraising. The precise amount of dividends paid to Shareholders by date of allotment is shown in the tables on pages 81.

1.75

1.20

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# **Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The Income & Growth VCT plc ("the Company") will be held at the offices of Shakespeare Martineau LLP, 6th Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London EC3V OHR at 11.00am on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions of which resolutions 1 to 8 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 9 and 10 will be proposed as special resolutions. An explanation of the main business to be proposed is included in the Directors' Report on pages 37 to 38 of this document:

- 1 To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2022 ("Annual Report"), together with the auditor's report thereon.
- 2 To approve the Directors' annual Remuneration Report as set out in the Annual Report.
- 3 To approve the remuneration policy as set out in the Annual Report.
- 4 To re-elect Maurice Helfgott as a director of the Company.
- 5 To re-elect Justin Ward as a director of the Company.
- 6 To elect Nemone Wynn-Evans as a director of the Company
- 7 To re-appoint BDO LLP of 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU as auditor of the Company until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company and to authorise the directors to determine the remuneration of the auditor.
- 8 That, in addition to the existing authority of the Company obtained at the general meeting of the Company on 12 October 2022, but in substitution for all other existing authorities, the directors of the Company be and hereby are generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot ordinary shares of 1 penny each in the capital of the Company ("Shares") and to grant rights to subscribe for, or convert, any security into Shares ("Rights") up to an aggregate nominal value of £491,066, provided that the authority conferred by this resolution shall (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) expire on the date falling fifteen months after the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2024 but so that this authority shall allow the Company to make before the expiry of this authority offers or agreements which would or might require Shares to be allotted or Rights to be granted after such expiry and the directors of the Company shall be entitled to allot Shares or grant Rights pursuant to any such offers or agreements as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.
- 9 That, subject to the passing of resolution 8 set out in this notice and in addition to the existing authority of the Company obtained at the general meeting of the Company on 12 October 2022, but in substitution for all other existing authorities, the directors of the Company be and hereby are empowered in accordance with sections 570 and 573 of the Act to allot or make offers or agreements to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act) for cash, pursuant to the authority conferred upon them by resolution 8 set out in this notice, or by way of a sale of treasury shares, as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such sale or allotment, provided that the power conferred by this resolution shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities:
  - (i) with an aggregate nominal value of up to £73,659 (representing approximately 5% of the existing issued share capital) in connection with offer(s) for subscription;
  - (ii) with an aggregate nominal value of up to, but not exceeding, 10% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time pursuant to any dividend investment scheme operated by the Company, at a subscription price per Share which may be less than the net asset value per Share, as may be prescribed by the scheme terms; and
  - (iii) otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, with an aggregate nominal value of up to, but not exceeding, 5% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time,

in each case where the proceeds of the allotment may be used, in whole or in part, to purchase the Company's Shares in the market and provided that this authority shall (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) expire on the date falling fifteen months after the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, on the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2024, except that the Company may, before the expiry of this authority, make offers or agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors of the Company may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offers or agreements as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.

- 10 That, in substitution for any existing authorities, the Company be and hereby is authorised pursuant to and accordance with section 701 of the Act to make one or more market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Act) of its own Shares provided that:
  - (i) the aggregate number of Shares which may be purchased shall not exceed 22,083,241 or, if lower, such number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole Share) as shall equal 14.99% of the Shares in issue at the date of passing of this resolution:
  - (ii) the minimum price which may be paid for a Share is 1 penny (the nominal value thereof);
  - (iii) the maximum price which may be paid for a Share (excluding expenses) shall be the higher of (a) an amount equal to 5% above the average of the middle market quotations for a Share in the Company taken from the London Stock Exchange

Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Share is contracted to be purchased and (b) the amount stipulated in Article 5(6) of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) 596/2014 (as such Regulation forms part of UK law and as amended);

- (iv) the authority conferred by this resolution shall (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) expire on the date falling fifteen months after the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, on the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2024; and
- (v) the Company may make a contract or contracts to purchase its own Shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority and may make a purchase of its own Shares in pursuance of any such contract.

Registered Office: 5 New Street Square London EC4A 3TW

### Notes:

The following Notes explain your general rights as a Shareholder and your right to attend and vote at this Meeting or to appoint someone else to vote on your behalf. A webcast of the Meeting will also be available and details of how to join the webcast will be shown on the Company's website. If possible, Shareholders intending to join the Meeting by means of the webcast (which would be as an attendee only) are requested to join at least ten minutes prior to the commencement of the Meeting at 11.00am on Wednesday, 22 February 2023.

- 1. A member is entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting in person or to appoint one or more other persons as their proxy to exercise all or any of his rights on his behalf. Further details of how to appoint a proxy, and the rights of proxies, are given in the Notes below. Where a member intends to join the Meeting by means of the webcast, they shall be permitted to ask questions at the Meeting but shall not be entitled to vote on resolutions at the Meeting (and are, therefore, encouraged to lodge their proxy vote and appoint the chairman of the Meeting as their proxy). Note 16 below will apply to those who join the meeting (which would be in attendance only) by means of the webcast.
- 2. To be entitled to attend the Meeting (and for the purpose of the determination by the Company of the number of votes they may cast) and to be able to lodge your proxy votes, Shareholders must be registered in the Register of Members of the Company at close of trading on 20 February 2023. Changes to the Register of Members after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend the Meeting and/or virtual meeting and vote by proxy.
- 3. In order for a proxy appointment to be valid it must be received by Link Group, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 4DL by 11.00 am on 20 February 2023.
- 4. A Shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the Meeting provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different ordinary share or ordinary shares held by that Shareholder. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company.
- 5. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's Register of Members in respect of the joint holding (the first named being the most senior).
- 6. A form of proxy for use in connection with the Meeting is enclosed with the document of which this Notice forms part. If you do not have a form of proxy and would like a copy, please contact the Company's registrar, Link Group at 10th Floor Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 4DL ("Registrar"), or on 0371 664 0391. Completion and return of a form of proxy form will not legally prevent a Shareholder from attending and voting at the Meeting in person, or from joining the Meeting (which would be as an attendee only) by means of the webcast. The Company requests all Shareholders to vote by proxy on the resolutions set out in this Notice as soon as possible
- 7. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at their discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as they think fits in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting.
- 8. You can also vote either
  - a. by logging on to www.signalshares.com and following the instructions;
- b. if you need help with voting online, please contact our Registrar, Link Group, on 0371 664 0391 if calling from the UK, or +44 (0) 371 664 0391 if calling from outside of the UK, or email Link at shareholderenquiries@linkgroup.co.uk
- c. in the case of CREST members, by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service in accordance with the procedures set out below.

We strongly recommend voting electronically at <u>www.signalshares.com</u> as your vote will automatically be counted. Given the current situation, with many people working from home and delays in the postal system, there is a risk that your vote may not be counted if you send a paper proxy

9. If you return more than one proxy appointment, the appointment received last by the Registrar before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence. You are advised to read the terms and conditions of use carefully. Electronic communication facilities are open to all Shareholders and those who use them will not be disadvantaged

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

### **Gresham House Asset Management Limited** Secretary

Dated: 16 December 2022

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### 10. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting (and any adjournment of the Meeting) by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual (available from www.euroclear.c public/EUI). CREST Personal Members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

- 11. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST Proxy Instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) by 11.00 am on 20 February 2023. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to mean the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST application host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time, any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.
- 12. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member, or sponsored member, or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting system providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001
- 13. Any corporation which is a Shareholder can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a Shareholder provided that no more than one corporate representative exercises powers in relation to the same shares.
- 14. As at 15 December 2022 (being the latest practicable business day prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's ordinary issued share capital consists of 147,319,823 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 15 December 2022 are 147,319,823
- 15. Under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, Shareholders meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's Financial Statements (including the Auditor's Report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the Meeting; or (ii) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual Financial Statements and reports were laid in accordance with Section 437 of the Companies Act 2006 (in each case) that the Shareholders propose to raise at the relevant meeting. The Company may not require the Shareholders requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with Sections 527 or 528 of the Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the Meeting for the relevant financial year includes any statement that the Company has been required under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on a website.
- 16. Any Shareholder attending the Meeting has the right to ask questions. Any Shareholder may submit questions in relation to the business to be transacted at the Meeting via email to: AGM@greshamhouse.com by 16 February 2023. The Company must cause to be answered any such question relating to the business being dealt with at the Meeting but no such answer need be given if: (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the Meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information; (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the Meeting that the question be answered.
- 17. Copies of the directors' letters of appointment will be available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) until the end of the Meeting and will also be available for inspection at the place of the Meeting at least 15 minutes before and during the Meeting.
- 18. You may not use any electronic address (within the meaning of Section 333(4) of the Companies Act 2006) provided in either this Notice or any related documents to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

A copy of this Notice, and other information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, can be found on the Company's website at www.incomeandgrowthvct.co.u

# **Corporate Information**

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Information for Shareholders

